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WIDOW LOSES HER FIGHT OVER ASHES

By Amardeep Bassey

A WIDOW from Hednesford has been denied permission to move her husband's ashes from a church to a graveyard nearer her home.

Beryl Osborne, aged 66, had pleaded with the Chancellor of the Diocese of Lichfield, Stephen Eyre QC.

But he refused her request to exhume her late husband Terry Osborne's ashes, currently buried at St Gabriel's Church in Fullbrook, Walsall. She wanted them moved to Our Lady of Lourdes in Uxbridge Street, Hednesford, so she could guarantee a burial spot next to his.

In turning down the application Mr Eyre QC told the former medical receptionist: "It is not open to the court to authorise an exhumation and re-internment simply in order to make it easier for the bereaved to visit the grave of the deceased." Retired decorator Mr Osborne died in a car crash in July 2012 aged 67, two years after being diagnosed with terminal prostate cancer.

Beryl and Terry

The couple had been regular worshippers from 2006 at St Gabriel's where Mr Osborne served as a church warden and Mrs Osborne's parents are buried.

Mrs Osborne said: "A few years earlier we had booked and paid for a burial plot at the church for us because it felt the natural thing to do at that time. His funeral was well attended, and his ashes were buried in our chosen spot, which I would regularly visit."

The couple had been drawn towards Roman Catholicism in the years before Mr Osborne's death and began spending less time at St Gabriel's. "It dawned on me a few months after Terry's death day that I should double check that my burial spot was still fixed despite me leaving that church, and I was told that there was no guarantee of it, even though I'd paid for it years earlier," said Mrs Osborne.

Moving the ashes to Our Lady of Lourdes would have put them within walking distance of Mrs Osborne's home, saving her a 35 mile round trip to go to St Gabriel's. Her application was backed by her four children, the Parochial Church Council of St Gabriel's and the parish priest at Our Lady of Lourdes.

But the Chancellor turned the application down, saying: "It must always be exceptional for exhumation to be allowed, and the Consistory Court must determine whether there are any special circumstances justifying the taking of that exceptional course. The reason why Mrs Osborne seeks exhumation and re-interment of those remains is to move them to a location at which it will be easier for her to visit her husband's grave. That is not an exceptional circumstance capable of justifying exhumation. Accordingly, the petition must be refused."

GWENDOLINE REVEALS HOW TO REACH 100

Gwendoline Clarke celebrates her 100th birthday with, front left, nephew Terry Bentley and, right, her brother James Brown

A WOMAN who taught yoga until she was 88 has just celebrated her 100th birthday.

Gwendoline Clarke, who was born in Birmingham but now lives in Hednesford, turned 100 on Wednesday last week. As well as teaching yoga, Gwendoline never smoked or drank and regularlyused to go cycling and walking with her late husband Bill.

The pair married in 1944 when Gwendoline was 24. They never had any children.

Before moving to Cannock in 2004, Gwendoline worked at Lucas Industries in Birmingham making car parts. She and Bill went on their first date to the cinema, and they were also both very keen on dancing.

Gwendoline celebrated her 100th birthday at the Kingsley Cottage Care Home in Hednesford with a cake and surrounded by her family, including her brother who had travelled from Cornwall.

She said of her life and of turning 100: "I spent most of my life in Birmingham, working at Lucas until I retired.

"I think what has helped me live to such a good age is that I didn't drink or smoke. Two of my favourite passions, when my husband Bill was alive, were cycling and walking. I also taught yoga until I was 88 years old. In August of 2004 I moved to a bungalow in Cannock to be near to my niece and nephew who looked after me until November 2014 when I moved into Kingsley Cottage Care Home, Hednesford, where I am now looked after by the staff who are both kind and caring.

"It's thanks to the staff and my family that I have celebrated my 100th birthday."

Gwendoline's nephew Terry Bentley paid tribute to his aunt. He said: "She's an inspiration to all us family members."

ASSAULT

Woman is pushed over and kicked

AN 18-year-old woman was attacked as she walked along a road in Cheslyn Hay.

She was pushed to the ground then kicked a number of times. She was left with bruising and swelling and was badly shaken up.

The woman was walking along Landywood Lane, near to its junction with Rosewood Park on Tuesday last week at around 8.15pm when it happened.

The man is described as 18-years-old, 5ft 8in and skinny. He was wearing all black with a scarf covering his face. Anyone with information is asked to call 101.

TALK

Vicar to reflect on his playing career

PETER HART will give a talk entitled 'From Footballer to Vicar' at the monthly members meeting of Bridgtown & District Local History Society.

Best known locally for his time at Walsall FC, the former professional player will tell of his experiences with a number of clubs through to his decision to enter the Church. He is currently vicar of St Luke's Church in Cannock.

The meeting will be held at the Bethel Chapel in Union Street on Wednesday at 10am. Non-members are welcome.

SHOPPING

Jobs in store with new £650k Co-op

TWENTY jobs have been created at a new convenience store in Cannock.

The £650,000 Co-op store is due to open today in Stafford Road, Huntington. It will be open between 7am-10pm every day and include an in-store bakery, cash machine and Costa coffee dispenser.

Carol Battersby, manager of the Co-op's new store, said: "We are delighted to have had the opportunity to make such a significant investment in Huntington.

"The Co-op is investing to transform and grow its convenience business and to launch its first new store of the year is extra special."

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Leader backs Chase anti-fracking drive

Natalie Bennett – 'focus'

GREEN Party leader Natalie Bennett has joined the fight to stop the possibility of fracking underneath Cannock Chase.

On a visit to Chasewater, the Australian-born politician said fossil fuels should be left in the ground to prevent 'catastrophic environmental consequences'.

It came after the Government approved proposals to allow fracking to extract shale gas below areas of outstanding natural beauty, such as Cannock Chase.

Ms Bennett's visit was organised to mark her party's successful protest against the sale of Staffordshire County Council's countryside estates.

But she also wanted to kick-start the party's next campaign – 'Keep Your Fracking Hands Off Cannock Chase'.

In response to a question asking if areas such as Cannock Chase were vulnerable to the practice in the future, she said: "We saw the Government go back on a promise not to allow fracking under national parks and areas of outstanding natural beauty.

"We say it shouldn't be allowed anywhere but let's just focus on Britain. We know we have to leave two thirds of our fossil fuels in the ground to prevent catastrophic environmental consequences."

The Cannock Chase Green Party has started a campaign to prohibit the gas extraction process on the Chase, which gained more than 2,200 signatures since just before Christmas.

Although no decision has been made to proceed with fracking there, the group is keen to demonstrate strong local opposition by the time the county council, which owns the site, comes to make any decision.

Patients approve of extra hours surgery

A NEW GP surgery offering an extra 500 appointments a month has proven to be a real hit with patients in Cannock.

Nearly all of the patients who have attended the Network Surgery since it opened its doors in September said they were either very satisfied or satisfied with the service they had received.

The surgery, which was established following a successful £320,000 bid to the Prime Minister's Challenge Fund, was designed to improve patient access to primary care by offering greater flexibility of appointments. The project is funded until March 31 and nearly 98 per cent of patients said they would like to see the service continue after this date.

The Network Surgery was developed by the Cannock Practices Network in response to feedback from the Minor Injury Unit (MIU) Consultation and the Primary Care Strategy and in partnership with the Cannock Public Engagement Network. In feedback from patients so far, nearly 25 per cent said they would have gone to A&E or MIU if they had not had an appointment.

Booked

In addition to providing additional doctor and nurse appointments for patients, the project aims to free up time in the 10 participating GP practices.

Project lead Clive Cropper, practice manager at Moss Street Surgery, said: "One of the surprising issues we have faced is people not attending for their appointment, even though it may have only been booked that day. We want to make the most use of these same day appointments so would urge any patients who can no longer attend, for whatever reason, to please cancel their appointment. We also want to remind people that appointments are available from 9am to 1pm on Saturdays as the take-up for these has been lower than expected."

The surgery is based in the GP Suite on Level 2 in Cannock Chase Hospital.

The 10 practices from the Network involved in the first phase of the project are Alderwood Medical Practice, Chadsmoor Medical Practice, Heath Hayes/Chase Medical Practice, Moss Street Surgery, Dr Murugan's Surgery, Dr Rasib's Surgery, Rawnsley Surgery, Red Lion Surgery, Dr VK Singh's Surgery and Dr Yi's Surgery.

Ian offers elfing hand to flood victims

Ian Astbury, left, who delivered goods to flood victims, is pictured with Craig Carr, who paid for the van hire

A CANNOCK bus driver has delivered tons of donated goods to flood-hit victims in Yorkshire.

Dressed as an elf, Ian Astbury drove up to Leeds on New Year's Day with a van-load of items ranging from food tins to a television.

The 42-year-old from Sycamore Green had worn the costume to get passengers on his Arriva bus in the Christmas spirit and thought he would continue the positive vibe by putting it on once more for the two-and-half-hour drive.

The father-of-two launched the appeal on his Facebook page.

He said: "Originally I just put a message out to my friends after seeing the floods on television but it kept getting shared.

"The next thing I knew I opened my house up and I had people turning up dropping things off such as toiletries, bedding, clothes, curtains, toys, books, and computer equipment.

"I couldn't move in my house at one stage, it was full of boxes."

Mr Astbury, who has been a bus driver for 23 years, ended up hiring a 7.5-ton truck which was generously paid for by Craig Carr who wanted to help the appeal.

Arriva funded the petrol to Leeds and donated £100 worth of fruit to the haul.

Tributes as canals trust chairman dies, aged 77

BRIAN Kingshott, the chairman of Lichfield and Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust, has died, aged 77.

Mr Kingshott, who had been active as trust chairman until less than three months ago, died peacefully on Saturday.

Brian Kingshott

Born in Sussex and a graduate of Oxford University before becoming a teacher, Mr Kingshott's last post was as deputy headmaster of the Royal School in Wolverhampton.

He lived at Hopton Castle in Shropshire. David Dixon, the trust's vice-chairman, said: "In his spare time Brian was a keen boater and an active participant in the Inland Waterways Association and our trust, which he led for some 15 years, notably ensuring that restoration of the Lichfield Canal would not be prevented by the M6 Toll road. He will be sorely missed."

Lichfield MP Michael Fabricant, a patron of the trust, said: "This is a terrible shock. I was last with Brian at the Huddlesford Gathering and he seemed full of life.

"He was a superb chairman and we often worked together to tackle issues which affected the canal restoration.

"He was a driving force in the L&H-CRT and I and the other volunteers will miss him greatly."

Sports scheme in new programme

RUGELEY-BASED Progressive Sports is about to launch its second traineeship programme. The 12-week, full-time course offers the chance to gain a level 2 qualification in the principles of coaching as well as learning from the experienced coaches within the company.

Trainees also go on work placement in schools and have the possibility of being sent on other courses to build up their CV. "If you are aged between 16 and 18 and have a passion for sport, then this may be the course for you," Jonathan Haynes, traineeship and apprenticeship manager, said.

Two teenagers who started their traineeship with Progressive Sports in the autumn have almost completed the course. Call 07889 178056 or email j.haynes@progressivesports.co.uk

Chance to have a chat while knitting

NEW members are invited to join a knit and natter group which meets at Cannock Library every Tuesday.

People can bring along their knitting or sewing to the meeting which runs between 2pm and 4pm. Admission to the sessions is free.

Downgrade worries on £2.6m A&E makeover

A £2.6 MILLION revamp of County Hospital's accident and emergency department has been announced – but campaigners fear it may lead to a further downgrade of the service.

Work at the site in Weston Road, Stafford, is expected to start in the next few months after health bosses agreed to the programme.

A meeting at the hospital today will discuss architects' plans which will address the design and layout.

It will remain open throughout the refurbishment. The department stopped providing an overnight service in December 2011. Hospital campaigner Karen Howell said: "The public needs to attend this meeting to ensure the plans meet the needs of a fully reinstated A&E department, not merely a minor injuries unit."

The work is part of a £250m investment in hospital care announced by the Treasury 14 months ago, with £150m going to Stafford's County Hospital and £100m going to Stoke.

The plans have been given a cautious welcome by council chiefs. Cannock Chase Council leader George Adamson said: "I obviously welcome any improvement to the service that will enhance patients' experience but I'd rather the money was spent on providing an overnight service which would reduce the pressure on New Cross Hospital's A&E."

Councillor Muriel Davis, health chief on Cannock Chase Council, said: "A lot of Cannock people still use the County Hospital in Stafford so I welcome the news."

Two arrested over assault in street

TWO men have been arrested in connection with an assault in Chasetown.

A 66-year-old man suffered severe facial and head injuries and is in a serious but stable condition in hospital following the attack during the early hours of New Year's Day.

The victim, along with a 42-year-old man, were attacked while they walked along Queen Street at its junction with King Street near Chasetown Memorial Park.

The 42-year-old also received facial injuries but did not need to go to hospital.

A 24-year-old man and a 25-year-old have been bailed, pending further inquiries, to a date in February.

Staffordshire Police have renewed an appeal for witnesses to call 101.

Free lessons for tennis players

FREE tennis lessons are taking place in Hednesford Park this month.

Tennis For Free launched a 50-week programme in June last year. Lessons take place from 10am until midday on January 17, 24 and 31.

Fundraisers bring in £8.5k for Macmillan

Barry Hackett – handed over cheque

A SERIES of fundraisers held by a Rugeley-based group has raised £8,500 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

It has been generated by members and supporters of the charity's Rugeley & District committee.

Some of the cash was raised when committee member Barry Hackett did a sponsored walk from Costa Coffee Rugeley to Costa Coffee in Hednesford to help raise a total of £7,838 for which was divided between Macmillan and the charity MIND.

During the year the Ladies Line Dancing of Chadsmoor raised £900. The Rugeley committee also organised several quiz evenings and collections during the year as well as a Christmas concert at Mansfield House in Rugeley.

The festive event raised £515 and was sponsored by JCB in Rugeley.

The show featured the Rugeley Power Station Brass Band and the Phoenix Singers.

Lady Harrowby of Sandon Hall was guest of honour, representing Macmillan, and she accepted a cheque for £3,919 from Barry Hackett, the result mainly of a sponsored walk from Costa Coffee Rugeley to Costa Coffee Hednesford.

The group has also received £110 from a racing evening and £168 from a quiz evening at The Lamb & Flag in Little Haywood.

A total of £8,500 has been sent to the charity's headquarters. The committee also has £800 towards its 2016 fundraising total.

For further details about Macmillan fundraising activities in the Rugeley area, call committee chair Sheila Simpson on 01889 582837.

Crews attend 25 pub fires in last four years

FIREFIGHTERS in Staffordshire have attended 25 incidents at pubs in the last four years, figures show.

Since 2012, Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service has been called out to nearly 40 alerts at nightclubs and restaurants, as well as pubs.

The requests related to venues in Cannock, Stafford and the south of Staffordshire.

Six pub fires including blazes in Western Springs, the south of Cannock, Stafford, Brewood and Codsall were put down to faulty equipment or electrics.

Meanwhile, 'cooking' was cited as the reason for three fires, at a restaurant in the Sieghford area of Stafford in August 2014, a pub fire in Milford, and another in Wombourne, both of which happened last February.

A fire at the former Globe Inn in Hednesford in March 2014 was among the incidents after arsonists targeted the site. The blaze at the pub, which had long since shut down, required 15 firefighters to tackle at its height. In August that year firefighters were called out to cut a man out of a car after it had crashed into the Longford House Beefeater pub in Cannock.

Figures

The man, in his 30s, was lucky not to be killed in the incident, according to ambulance crews, and was taken to hospital with leg injuries. A breakdown showed that incidents were split relatively evenly in the period, with 13 happening in Cannock Chase, 11 in south Staffordshire and 14 in Stafford.

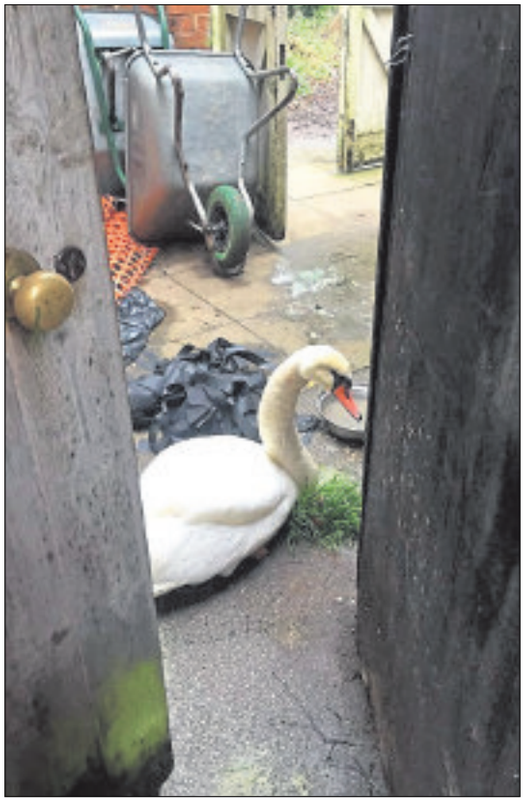
As well as pubs, there were four incidents at nightclubs and nine at restaurants or cafes.

Not included in the figures was the recent blaze at the former Westway pub on Stafford's Highfields estate.

The fire was started deliberately on December 7. Nine crews were required to tackle the blaze. The pub had been shut since 2013 and has now been demolished in the wake of the arson attack. The site had already been earmarked for a development of 18 apartments and 14 houses.

Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service is facing severe cutbacks over the next few years and has been tasked to save £5.7 million by 2020.

Bosses have confirmed they are axing more than 40 firefighter posts in initial savings of £1m. Chiefs defended the cuts by stating demand for the service has reduced by a third in the last six years.



Rescued by Shugborough staff – the fully-grown swan which got trapped in a small yard on the 700-acre estate

Rescue mission as swan trapped

A RESCUE mission to save a swan was not on the minds of volunteers and staff at the Shugborough Estate when they turned up for work.

But on arriving to start their shifts at the National Trust estate, they discovered a fully grown, adult male swan trapped inside the smallest yard on the site.

The unlucky creature had somehow managed to trap himself in the yard and needed to be rescued by staff, who took him to the nearby British Wildlife Trust base in Amerton.

Corinne Caddy, deputy manager of the estate, said: "We had just walked into work and had been getting ready to settle in for a normal day when our volunteers found the swan.

"He was very undernourished and weak. Our first reaction was amazement, we had no idea how he had ended up in there, it could have been something to do with the winds.

"We had braced ourselves for a battle when we went in to collect him, expecting a swan of his size to be a handful, but he was so weak he was happy for us to pick him up," she added.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Celebrations lined up for Burns Night

BURNS Night will be celebrated in style on January 23 at Cannock's Premiere Suite with an evening of dancing, bag-piping and story-telling.

The celebrations will feature performances from highland dancers and Scottish pipers as well as the traditional address to the Haggis and toasting the 'Lassies'. A brief history of Scotland will be told before a Scottish supper is served.

Music and dancing will follow, and the evening ends with a disco. The event starts at 7pm. All are welcome. Call 01543 572092 to reserve a table.

Year-old business in hunt for staff

A THRIVING grooming business in Cannock is taking on new staff as it celebrates its first year in business.

Shawz 4 Pawz opened in Walsall Road in December 2014 and has quickly established itself in the town.

After following the 'Start Up' programme run by Blue Orchid and Cannock Chase Council, owner Karen Shaw was awarded a £1,000 grant from Cannock Chase Council and Chase Community Partnership towards setting up the business in an empty retail unit.

Call 07548 972990 for more details.

Unwanted gifts can help charity

THE Salvation Army's Cannock shop is appealing for people to donate unwanted Christmas gifts.

They will be sold to raise money for the charity's work. Items can be dropped off at the shop at Cannock Shopping Centre, Market Hall Street.

Salvation Army Trading Company area manager Susan Hindle said: "It's a crying shame that so many Christmas gifts get buried and forgotten.

"Unwanted clothes and gift items have more value than you think."

Wrestling club in plea for members

HEDNESFORD-BASED Professional Wrestling School are now taking on students for their children's club.

Lessons take place on Wednesday evenings at the SLAM Wrestling academy at Cannock Chase Enterprise Centre. Training is on Wednesdays, from 5pm to 7pm. It costs £34 per month and the club say it is 'great fun for any young wrestling fan'.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/Slamwrestling or call 07783 454915.

First walk of the year

CHASE Ramblers' first walk for 2016 is on Cannock Chase this Sunday. This moderate nine-mile walk will start at Seven Springs car park but the usual meeting place – Hednesford railway station car park – will apply for a 9am prompt departure. For details contact Phil on 01889 882082.

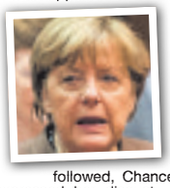
THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

SIDDHARTHA Dhar, the British man suspected of appearing in the latest Islamic State murder video, was arrested in London in 2014. He was accused of belonging to the banned group Al-Muhajiroun and released on police bail. A few hours later he and his family simply hopped on a bus to Paris and then travelled to IS-controlled Syria. You may like to ponder this the next time some grinning security official confiscates your shampoo at the airport, or some pompous politician thunders on about "protecting our borders." Dhar's case is yet more proof that, whether undesirables are coming or going, Britain's borders are about as secure as a colander.

ANYONE who remembers the drought of 1976 will be wary about the latest plans to dredge rivers to let these billions of gallons of unwanted flood water escape into the sea as quickly as possible. Come August, we may wish we'd saved a bit.

YES, it was petty, vindictive and short-sighted. But the most worrying thing about Jeremy Corbyn's shadow cabinet reshuffle was that it was agonisingly slow. Assuming he ever got to Downing Street, how would this great thinker, debater, negotiator and all-round procrastinator react to a sudden crisis?

FOR four days the German media ignored an inconvenient truth. It was that on New Year's Eve a gang of up to 1,000 boys and men of North African or Arab appearance had poured into Cologne to rape, grope, mug and generally terrify women in what appeared to be a planned assault.



The local police chief describes the outrage as "a completely new dimension of crime." There were similar incidents in other German cities. A mass protest by women followed, Chancellor Merkel has expressed her disgust and the media have, at last, taken up the story ("Cologne inquiry into 'co-ordinated' New Year's Eve sex attacks" - Guardian, etc). It is bad enough that such a thing could have happened and been hushed up by the forces of political correctness. But it raises a truly terrifying question. If 1,000 alienated young males can organise an attack in the heart of a Western city for sexual purposes, what else might they do?

E-CIGARETTES may soon be available on prescription to help smokers give up the habit. One of the biggest manufacturers of these vaping devices is British American Tobacco. Which means our beloved NHS could soon be handing millions of pounds of our taxes over to the fag-makers.

SWITCHED on the radio to hear some totally disconnected sound-bite? I tuned in to catch a debate on Marks & Spencer where someone was "getting his teeth into the women's wear issue."

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Alton Towers to recruit 1,200 workers

ALTON Towers has launched a recruitment drive for 1,200 workers as bosses look to put a troubled 2015 behind them.

The Staffordshire theme park wants to bring in seasonal workers.

It comes six months after five people suffered serious injuries when the Smiler ride crashed – two people, Leah Washington and Vicky Balch, required leg amputations. The theme park then revealed plummeting revenues and 190 job cuts.

But bosses are now aiming to bounce back with the jobs announcement.

Resort recruitment manager Kerry Alcock said: "All of our recruitment is done via an online application form through our website and because our business is so dynamic, we never really have a quiet period – applications come in every day from the day after we close."

"As ever, personality is more important to us than academic qualifications, but we do need people who are outgoing and who have great communications skills."

Business leaders welcomed the new jobs at Alton Towers.

Sara Williams, chief executive at the Staffordshire Chambers of Commerce, said: "It is very good to see they are recruiting people. They have had a great reputation in the past.

"It is a great place to work and has been known to be a good employer. Alton Towers is extremely important in terms of our tourism offer.

"I really hope they will have a positive year, I think now people can be pretty certain it will be safer than anywhere," she added.

Call to use bank fines to buy air ambulance

By Amardeep Bassey

CASH from fines paid by banks to the Treasury should be used to buy a replacement air ambulance for the Midlands, according to Cannock Chase's MP.

Amanda Milling is backing a quest to secure £1 million for the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity to buy a new helicopter.

The charity currently leases the helicopter that covers her constituency and which is normally based at Tatenhill, the MP said.

Ms Milling said: "The charity wants to purchase a new helicopter outright and reduce its need to lease aircraft. This will mean lower operating costs and a better more stable future for this vital service."

The Midlands Air Ambulance is responsible for funding and operating three air ambulances serving Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Worcestershire and the West Midlands.

Equipment

Since 1991, the charity has responded to more than 43,000 emergencies averaging 2,000 missions per year making it one of the longest established and busiest air ambulance organisations in the UK.

The charity's three aircraft each carry a crew comprising pilot, two paramedics or flight doctors plus full life-support medical equipment.

Ms Milling said: "We have all seen what a brilliant service the air ambulance is and it's so easy to recognise the bright red helicopter when it is responding to an emergency.

"The medical team and flight crew have saved countless lives over the years and we all know how important they are. Getting injured on Cannock Chase could be life-threatening because of the remote locations, and a helicopter could be the vital lifeline needed in a crisis.

"I think using the proceeds from banking fines for charities like the Air Ambulance is widely supported." Ms Milling said she has written a formal letter to HM Treasury with the charity's proposal.

Traffic chaos as skip lorry sheds load

The skip lorry partially overturned before resting on a garden wall in Uxbridge Street, Hednesford

A ROAD in Hednesford was closed after a skip lorry ended up nearly tipping on its side, before shedding its load into the front garden of a house.

Staffordshire Police were called to the scene at Uxbridge Street at 9.45 am on Wednesday last week after the lorry partially overturned before resting on a garden wall, which stopped it from completely tipping over.

The road remained closed as crews waited for assistance in getting the lorry back upright and moving it away from the site. Staffordshire Police, Staffordshire Fire & Rescue Service and West Midlands Ambulance Service attended the scene.

A fire service spokesperson said: "We were called out to Uxbridge Street where a 16-tonne moving lorry carrying a 12-tonne skip had landed on its side at an angle of 45 degrees. Crews from Cannock fire station were sent to the scene, one was allowed to leave after a few hours, and the other stayed while assistance was called."

The accident caused traffic chaos in Hednesford.

Police spokesperson Faye Casey said: "No casualties were reported and our crews called for assistance to remove the vehicle."

Ambulance service spokesman Jamie Arrowsmith said: "We received a call from the fire service at 9.52am to reports of a lorry that had collided with a wall at the junction of Uxbridge Street and Market Street in Hednesford. "A community first responder attended the scene but there were no patients requiring treatment."

'Please keep looking' plea after rescue dog escapes

DOG lovers have been urged to keep looking for a dog rescued from a 'kill shelter' in Cyprus, only to go missing on the last leg of her journey to become a much-loved family pet.

Lilah, a small black Labrador cross, bolted from the car which was taking her from her foster home in Stockport, to a new life in Portsmouth. She disappeared from Hilton Park Services, near Cannock, at the end of November.

Lilah – bolted

In the weeks since Lilah vanished, hundreds of dog lovers moved by her story have joined volunteers searching for her throughout Staffordshire and Shropshire.

Donna Denton, who fostered her in this country, said: "We have been overwhelmed by the response from local families who share our determination that Lilah's story should have a happy ending.

"They have searched with us daily, kept watch at night and even engaged celebrity support to spread the word across social media. Everyone just wants to bring Lilah home.

"If you think you might have spotted Lilah, please don't call her or give chase. She will be frightened and will run away. Try to get a photo and call the search team immediately on 075461 79252 or 07904 593328. You can also contact the Get Lilah Home page on Facebook or #getlilahhome on Twitter."

Organ concert to celebrate decade

A MUSIC club in Staffordshire is celebrating a decade since it formed with a concert by an organist.

Brett Wales was the first musician to play for Burntwood Music for All after it began in 2005 and will return with covers of everything from William Tell to songs by Queen, Abba and Johnny Cash.

When the Burntwood Organ Society closed their doors after 30 years, Chris and Marie Powell decided to continue that group's 30-year tradition with Burntwood Music for All.

Heavily influenced by Klaus Wunderlich, Wales's three-keyboard Wersi organ is hooked up to a PC.

The concert is at Burntwood Memorial Institute Hall next Thursday (21) at 7.30pm. Tickets, £6.50, on the door. Details on 01530 274270.

Golf clubs stolen from back of car

GOLF clubs were stolen from the back of an unlocked car in Norton Canes in the early hours.

The incident happened in Norton Green Lane. Anyone with information should call police on 101 quoting the reference number 471 of January 2.

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Team look ahead to lift-off for next Space

ALMOST 13,000 youngsters took part in an activities programme in Staffordshire relaunched nearly 20 years after it was mothballed.

Now views are being sought on extending the Space programme for a further year. The initiative, revived in 2015, was originally led by the county's police force during the 1980s and 1990s in an attempt at better engaging with young people.

The new version of Space has been coordinated by the county's Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Matthew Ellis. It has similar objectives and has worked closely with a mixture of voluntary and public organisations with the aim of increasing the skills of 11 to 17-year-olds, and improving their health and wellbeing.

Events were led by voluntary sector organisations and local councils rather than the police across Staffordshire between July and August.

Activities included cricket, street art and skate boarding in Cannock Chase, trampolining, water sports and dancing in Lichfield, woodwork, dancing and football in Stafford, and hockey, film production and drama in South Staffordshire.

Mr Ellis said: "I thinks it's brilliant that Space saw more than 12,900 attendances by young people across Staffordshire at over 580 activities."

He said that in order to expand the programme it was aimed to recruit 1,000 volunteers.

To take part people can fill in a feedback form on the Space website www.staffordshire-pcc.gov.uk/space/

Loans fund for firms extended

MORE small and medium sized businesses in Staffordshire will be supported following the extension of a county council partnership.

The Staffordshire Business Loan Fund was set up by the council in 2009 and has been delivered by not-for-profit loan organisation BCRS.

In September, the county council's cabinet agreed to extend the fund for another three years.

It has now been announced that BCRS will continue to deliver the fund following a tender process.

The fund has led to more than 1,000 jobs being created or safeguarded.

People can find out more by calling the Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Business Helpline on 0300 111 8002 or emailing enquiries@bcrs.org.uk

Cyclists invited on get-fit rides

CYCLISTS can get fit with rides across South Staffordshire.

The South Staffordshire Cycling Scheme is holding three rides a week in Penkridge, Perton and Wombourne. Email aprilsscs@gmail.com

Efficiency vow as chopper base axed

Helicopter bases face a shake-up

A POLICE helicopter base which serves three forces in the region will be scrapped next year in a bid to save money and ensure police air support is 'used properly'.

The National Police Air Service, which provides flight support to police forces across the country, confirmed it is closing 10 of its 25 bases.

It means the helicopter used to jointly serve Staffordshire Police, West Midlands Police and West Mercia Police will now be based in Birmingham instead of at Halfpenny Green Airport near Wolverhampton. The nearest aircraft available will attend requests for assistance instead of individual forces owning and operating their own helicopter.

Police helicopters are normally called out to help police find missing people or help in the capture of suspects using thermal-imaging camera.

Staffordshire Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis said: "I welcome the move to Birmingham because it means local forces will have to better prioritise and make sure air support is used properly and in the most efficient way." He added that Staffordshire's 'more rural' areas might find police helicopter support may take a 'few minutes longer than normal'.

Supt Mick Boyle, head of operational services for Staffordshire Police, said: "The closure of the National Police Air Service bases should have no effect upon the service we deliver to the people of Staffordshire."

Chief Supt Ian Whitehouse, from the National Police Air Service, said: "A review will be conducted to ensure the agreed operating model is appropriate."

Health hazard fears over leaking sewage

LEAKING sewage outside a corner shop in Rugeley has caused a stink for nearby residents, who have described the smell as 'disgusting'.

Severn Trent Water, who have attended the Fernwood Drive scene on more than occasion, said the leaking sewage had been caused by a blocked sewer pipe and that they had worked round the clock to fix the issue.

But people living in the area have labelled the waste as a 'health hazard', insisting that it's still there and keeps overflowing.

Local resident Philip Chalmers, who visits the area every day to buy his morning paper, said: "It's disgusting. There's raw sewage out on the footpath and it's a health hazard, especially to children. Severn Trent have been out several times but it keeps overflowing."

The sewage is located at the side of the My Local convenience store in Fernwood Drive.

Michaela Sparkes, the team leader at the store, said: "Severn Trent have been out four or five times now to sort it out but it keeps happening. It's disgusting but our customers haven't really been affected by it, we're keeping a close eye on it, and we phone Severn Trent every time it gets bad."

Anticipated

Cannock Chase Council spokesperson Kirsteen Miles said: "The council were made aware of the situation, and the water contractor cleared the blockage.

"However, they have recognised that the clean-up was a bigger job than they anticipated. The council's environmental officers met with the water contractor to clean up the area."

Grace Marren, a spokesperson for Severn Trent Water, said: "We were called out to sewer flooding at Fernwood Drive in Rugeley last weekend.

"The flooding had been caused by a blockage in the sewer pipe so we've cleared the blockage, and worked around the clock over the last few days to clean up the area to get everything back to normal for residents and local businesses.

"We found that the blockage had been caused by a build up of sanitary products in the sewer pipe. This happens when people flush them down the toilet instead of disposing of them in the bin," she added.

"We'd encourage everyone to bin things like sanitary products, nappies and wipes. The drains that take waste water away from homes are only a few inches wide and are only meant to take water, toilet roll and human waste."

School delighted with Amazon gift

Back from left, Oakomara Rankine, Poeme Rankine, Jamie Barnett,Stephanie Tovey and Jamal Reynolds, front, Eve Mackie, Georgia Cave, Fantastic Mr Fox, Lillee Rowley, Hattie Hasketh-Boston and Aaron Astle

PUPILS at a primary school in Rugeley were given a donation from Amazon that will help them with both work and play.

Youngsters at Etching Hill Primary School, Penk Drive, were given 25 Kindle devices from the local Amazon fulfilment centre, along with a £2,000 donation so they can purchase their favourite e-books.

The school received the donation after being nominated by the charity committee and associates at Amazon in Rugeley.

Some of the pupils at the school have parents who work at the site on Towers Business Park.

The charity committee were present as pupils collect the Kindles. The pupils were joined in the assembly hall by Fantastic Mr Fox after one of the Amazon team dressed as the character for the special occasion.

Mark Hemming, Amazon site leader in Rugeley, said: "At Amazon we love reading and we are delighted to be able to provide 25 Kindle devices to this fantastic local school."

Etching Hill deputy head Zoe Parsons said: "The pupils, staff and parents at Etching Hill Primary School are over the moon with this donation. The Kindle devices will be a valuable resource at the school pupils will use them during guided reading sessions."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Charity to host rugby fixture

THE Staffordshire branch of the Pilgrim Bandits Charity is hosting a charity rugby match featuring ex-military personnel and local veterans.

The match is taking place at Willenhall rugby club on Saturday. Kicking off at midday, the match will see a military select 15 play a Willenhall veterans 15. There will also be auctions, raffles and live music.

The charity hit the headlines when one of its patrons, West Midlands Ambulance Service paramedic Ben Parkinson MBE, kayaked down the Yukon river in British Columbia.

Restaurant quiz about to return

THE Dilshad restaurant in Chadsmoor is set to stage its first curry and quiz night of the year.

The restaurant, in Cannock Road, will stage the event on Monday.

Customers can start arriving at 7pm for starters, with the quiz starting at 8pm. Some of the proceeds of the event will be donated to Birmingham Children's Hospital.

The event is hosted by David St John who holds the Guinness Book of Records world record for appearing on the most TV quiz shows. To book a place, call 01543 570264.

Tree chippings service at parks

A FREE Christmas tree chipping service will be operated in Cannock until the end of the month. Cannock Park, Ravenhill Park and Hednesford Park will be taking de-decorated trees.

Residents can taken them between 9am and 3pm any day up to January 24. They can collect the chippings at Cannock Park on January 18 and 25, Ravenhill Park on January 20 and 25, and Hednesford Park on January 15, 22, 25 and 26. Residents wishing to collect chippings should bring a bag.

Pubs put on their own January sales

PUB-GOERS can enjoy a January Sale at two Wetherspoon pubs in the Cannock area.

Managers at The Linford Arms in High Green, Cannock, and Hedgeford Lodge in Anglesey Street, Hednesford, have reduced the price on a range of drinks until Sunday, January 17.

Andy Johnston, manager of The Linford Arms, said: "Department stores and shops hold their sales in January, so it is the perfect time to have a sale in the pub too."

20,000 connections

MORE than 20,000 homes in Staffordshire are set to be connected to Superfast Broadband in 2016. The Superfast Staffordshire programme will continue thanks to £1.6 million of extra funding from Broadband Delivery UK. More than 40,000 properties were connected in 2015 in the county.

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IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

Spending lots on sink estates not the answer

FROM what we are constantly being told, you would be forgiven for thinking we lived in times of austerity, what with museums, libraries and police stations closing left, right and centre.

But when it comes to the sort of grandiose, 'legacy' projects that all politicians love, it is amazing how easy it is to find the odd £100 million or so. This week the Prime Minister pledged to end problems with crime, gangs, drugs and unemployment by splashing out £140 million on transforming Britain's 100 worst estates.

I think we know the drill. Spectacular footage of 1950s tower blocks crashing to the ground, 'partnerships' with construction companies, the mayor in a high-viz jacket laying the foundation stone. And a few months down the line, reports start filtering through about peaceful neighbourhoods disrupted by "problem" families which have been relocated.

Do they really think it is that easy? Give the local gang leader a shiny new flat and solar panels, and he turns into a stalwart of the neighbourhood watch committee?

The sad truth is there are some people with a less-than-healthy attitude towards their neighbours, and they do have to live somewhere– somewhere that is nowhere near us. We don't need to demolish the sink estates, just move the law-abiding residents out. Leave the asbo families to fight it out among themselves.

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WOLVERHAMPTON is not a city. The Black Country doesn't exist. And all the major towns of the West Midlands are really just suburbs of Birmingham.

Yes, that is the criteria of the not-especially thoughtful think-tank Centre for Cities, which argues that because the area between the West Midlands' major towns and cities are predominantly built up, they all count as a single economic area. And yet, because there is a strip of greenery between the Black Country and Telford, the new town actually does constitute a city, even though it doesn't have what most of us would recognise as a town or city centre.

They probably don't realise this, but in the rush hour you can drive from the Black Country to Telford in about half an hour, the same journey to Brum will take double, maybe treble that. So which will have the closer economic ties?

The worrying thing is, when we get the combined authority forced on us, it will be think-tanks like this advising local and central government on where the money should go. Just bostin, ay it?

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SELF-appointed national treasure Stephen Fry has been chosen as the face to greet arrivals at Heathrow Airport, offering visitors tips on British etiquette.

They're missing a trick, and it would have been better to have used his film at the Jungle in Calais. It would put me off jumping in a refrigerator truck to Dover.

A truck stops outside Linford's, now the Linford Arms pub

Two boys rummage down a drain while a dog looks on

The war memorial in 1926 is one of many paintings on display

Andy's amazing art captures town's past

Watercolour artist Andy Crabb checks out his work at Cannock Library

The old Brumby bike shop, with a classic 1920s car in the background

FROM the war memorial in 1926 to the old Brumby bike shop, local artist Andy Crabb has his latest exhibition on show at Cannock library.

Cannock in the 1920s has been brought back to life by a local artist. **JACK AVERTY** takes a look at his work

The exhibition centres around Andy's love for classic bikes, but also features paintings of Cannock in days past including one of the town centre in the 1950s.

An image of Linford's, now the Wetherspoon Linford Arms pub, is included as well as children walking on walls and playing on the witch's hat, an old playground favourite.

Andy, aged 58, has lived in Cannock since 1962 after being born in Birmingham. He has a long history with the town having done his apprenticeship with Caterpillar.

He has been painting on and off for 20 years but turned to painting and his love for classic bikes full-time after he was made redundant and took early retirement.

Asked about the paintings, he said: "I have got a great interest in motorbikes, particularly classic ones.

"I started painting pictures of them, and before I knew it, people were asking me to do paintings of their bikes.

Details

"My wife said I should do more scenic work, and Cannock has some great things to paint.

"I tend to get old black and white photographs and paint from them.

"If the place is still there, then I'll go down myself and check any finer details."

Andy also paid tribute to his wife Anita, who he said has supported him with his paintings.

He said: "She's brilliant and encourages me all the time. When I'm doing my paintings, I'm in the conservatory, so I'm out of her way.

"Whenever I have a new painting, she shares it on her Facebook page as well – she's very supportive."

As well as his current exhibition at Cannock library, which Andy says was arranged at very short notice, he also has a second exhibition going up in the library in October. He has also previously exhibited in Lichfield.

All of Andy's work can be viewed on his Facebook page Andy Crabb Art. Anyone interested in buying his paintings can email him at a.crabb767@gmail.com or call 07950 877625.

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Bruno Mars tribute gig in memory of Stephen

Brandon Mazumder and The MBs will be performing at the Lichfield Garrick this weekend

UPTOWN Funk will be alive and kicking when a Bruno Mars tribute band comes to Lichfield this weekend.

Fans of the internationally acclaimed singer will be in for a treat when a concert is held in memory of inspirational teenager Stephen Sutton.

Brandon Mazumder, aged 19, known as Bran Mazz, will bring his live band The MBs to the Garrick's main stage on Saturday.

Proceeds will go towards the Teenager Cancer Trust. Garrick spokeswoman Rhiannon Brearley said: "The sensational tribute show is in a whole new league of entertainment.

"It mixes the best of Bruno Mars but also blends some of the greatest 'old skool soul' and funk classics.

"The show also features a Rihanna tribute artist as a guest and the super funky sounds of DJ Mylez."

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Parties back this stupidity

THREE political parties strive to display how they are brilliant and the others stupid (Letters, January7).

I suggest the Liberals, Greens, Labour and Tories deserve a stupidity garland.

During the last Coalition parliament, cuts saved £36 billion yet we gave £87bn to the Brussels dictatorship.

All those parties support continuing this stupidity. To spend our money where it's needed, there is only one sure way – Vote Leave.

GRAHAME WIGGIN
Cannock Chase UKIP

Anthem is the dullest

BRITAIN has the most uninspiring, dullest national anthem in the world.

What other nation sings the praises of a bunch of unelected royals who live a life of luxury funded with taxpayers' money? Let us have an anthem that praises the citizens of Britain and the sacrifices they made to make this country great.

M FINN
Cannock

Rethink needed on town improvements

AS a concerned ex-resident of Cannock I note that yet again the council are suggesting a revamp of the town centre. I am amazed that they are still applying 1980s thinking to a 2016 issue.

New radical thinking is required. Two issues have to be addressed – initially to get people into town and, secondly, to attract passing trade through relevant car parking.

Nowadays successful town centres are built around suitable living accommodation. This has been achieved in Hednesford. Why not in Cannock?

When people live in the town they use town centre shops and people visiting residents use the shops too. A town centre has to offer something different from a retail park.

Continue to keep through traffic away. It has already been successfully diverted around the town centre. In addition a low-speed one-way system is required around the shopping areas, allowing limited-time free parking for local shoppers. Currently this is only available in the Church Street area, which is always busy but, when motorists cannot find a parking space there, most of them drive off. They do not go to alternative car parks.

DAVID WILLIAMS
Great Haywood

Don't let them get away with fly-tipping

ANOTHER day, another report of travellers setting up camp on a small piece of grassy land. We then of course have the worry of what mess they will leave behind when they eventually decide to leave.

It seems that councils all over the West Midlands and Staffordshire, indeed the whole of the UK, will not grasp this nettle. Mess that is left behind is fly-tipping. Anybody else is hauled before the courts, quite rightly too, in order to answer and to pay for leaving rubbish behind instead of disposing of it properly at one of the many local authority waste management sites. Our local councils seem to be too frightened to pursue 'travellers' with regard to fly-tipping.

I have yet to read of a report where a group of travellers have been taken to court for the mess they leave behind.

Perhaps I could suggest a new year's resolution for all of our local councils? Pursue everybody who commits the offence of fly-tipping, not just the 'one man band builders' and 'man with a van' types.

K FARMER
Cheslyn Hay

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Special mentions must go to Councillors Alan Dudson, Alison Spicer, and Diane Todd, and Cannock Rotary.

Cannock Lions's donation enabled us to purchase 28 food hampers for people in need in the Cannock Chase area.

Without all of the support we could not have continued our lunchtime service over the Christmas period. Sincere thanks to everyone and very best wishes for 2016.

PAT WOLFE
Beecroft Road Car Park

Men are bristling with pride

WE would like to thank all the men who took part in Beating Bowel Cancer's Decembeard fundraising campaign last month.

Decembeard, which asks men to ditch their razors and grow a beard throughout December, is a fun way for individuals or teams to raise funds and increase awareness of the disease.

It's simple to take part in, and thousands signed up for it again last month. We'd like to thank every one of them for their support.

The many thousands of pounds they have raised in sponsorship will help the charity to support bowel cancer patients and their families and to raise awareness of the disease, its symptoms and the need for early diagnosis.

If anyone has any queries or concerns about bowel cancer, there's lots of information on our website or they can call our Nurse Helpline on 020 8973 0011.

MARK FLANNAGAN,
Beating Bowel Cancer

Our police should not be treated this way

DESPITE the promises made by George Osborne about protecting police budgets following the Paris bombings, the Government have slashed police grants by £200 million.

Figures from the Commons library show that government grants to the 43 police forces in England & Wales have been cut by 2.7 per cent overall compared to last year.

The Tories have now (quietly) admitted that the police share of council tax will have to increase by the maximum allowed, just to maintain forces' funding at existing levels.

It is a government's duty to protect its citizens' safety. Our police work extremely hard to keep us safe and should not be treated in this underhand way.

GEORGE ADAMSON
County Councillor for Hednesford & Rawnsley

Justice seems to be less important than the cost

THE complaints about the state of the law in the Josh Morgan case rather miss the point.

The real ass is not so much the law, as the person at the Crown Prosecution Service who made the decision to charge his attackers with the lesser crime of grievous bodily harm rather than GBH with intent.

There was clearly evidence upon which the more serious charge could have been preferred, and if necessary left to the jury to decide. No doubt the CPS decided upon the lesser charge in the hope of encouraging guilty pleas and thereby saving public money; part of the same thinking that lets prisoners out of jail when they have served half their sentence or even less. Nowadays it would seem that justice is less important than money.

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Jason sparkles at slimming awards

Jason Donovan with Slimming World consultants Rose Ward, Maddie Price, Rachel Shirley, Emma Taylor, Kim Squires, Suzi Rigby, Rachel Bailey and Liz Farrell

A GROUP of Slimming World consultants are feeling ready to make any weight-loss dream come true after meeting legendary soap actor and pop star Jason Donovan.

The team, who run Slimming World groups in Rugeley and Cannock, were delighted to have a chance to get up close to the Australian celebrity at the annual Slimming World Awards in Birmingham.

"I felt very honoured to represent Slimming World groups in Rugeley and Cannock when we met Jason," said Liz Farrell, adding: "I couldn't be prouder of our members. They've lost fantastic amounts of weight throughout 2015, with many of them making their weight-loss dreams come true by hitting their target weight, improving their health and more."

Donovan co-hosted the event with the organisation's chair and founder Margaret Miles-Bramwell. He said he was thrilled to meet the Slimming World consultants at the event, held at the International Convention Centre.

Fire boss must save £1.4m

STAFFORDSHIRE'S fire service has announced it will have to save £1.43 million in the next financial year.

It has come as a direct result of cuts to its annual grant from the Government which will fall to £8.04m in 2016-17 from £9.47m this year.

Despite the reduction Peter Dartford, chief officer at Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service, promised that public safety would not be compromised. He said: "As the Government continues with its austerity measures, in Staffordshire we are continuing to balance the books in a careful and considered manner, while ensuring that our firefighters and residents are protected.

"We anticipated cuts and have planned our finances accordingly to ensure that we can meet the needs of our communities, both in terms of frontline firefighting and vital prevention work which has played an important role in helping to reduce incidents, and ultimately, save lives.

"However, the Government's announcement will see reductions implemented on a faster scale than we had envisaged. This means that the transformation of our service will continue to remain a key priority in the coming years to enable us to deliver the significant savings required as part of the austerity agenda."

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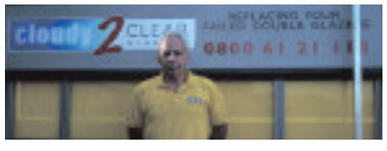

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£5,000 grant will help company in bid to Grow

CANNOCK-BASED Goodfish Ltd has secured a Let's Grow Programme grant to help grow the business and create one extra full-time post.

Goodfish Ltd, toolmakers and injection moulders, have received a grant of £5,000. The funding will be used to purchase a new piece of machinery which will increase productivity and take the pressure off already overloaded machines.

The Let's Grow Programme is funded by Chase Community Partnership and is aimed at helping small to medium sized businesses in the Cannock Chase district to grow and expand.

Councillor Gordon Alcott, economic development and planning portfolio leader, said: "Goodfish Ltd have benefitted greatly from this successful programme.

"The grant they have received means that they will have the extra capacity to produce additional work at their premises in Cannock.

Expand

"This is a great example of what the programme can do for local businesses."

Jamie Kerin, financial controller of Goodfish Ltd, said: "The funding we received from the Let's Grow Programme has allowed us to expand our range of machines and increase our headcount.

"Our expansion has been accelerated as a direct result of this fantastic programme run by Cannock Chase Council.

"The application process was quick and easy and the support we received from the economic regeneration team was excellent," Mr Kerin added.

The Let's Grow Programme has to date successfully helped 10 businesses in Cannock Chase.

New grant programmes will be available during 2016.

If you are a small to medium sized business in the Cannock Chase district and would like more details about the scheme, contact the economic development team at Cannock Chase Council on 01543 464272.

Back to school for Players

Laughs guaranteed – The Lichfield Players are preparing for their latest production, 'Daisy Pulls It Off'

The Lichfield Players promise to beam rays of warmth and laughter into January with their latest production, 'Daisy Pulls It Off' by Denise Deegan.

Performed in the main auditorium of the Garrick Theatre, this St Trinian's-style comedy is great entertainment for the whole family.

It's 1927 and Daisy Meredith has just been accepted into the hallowed halls of Grangewood School for Girls as their first ever scholarship pupil. But it's not all jolly hockey sticks. Frightful snobs Sybil and Monica delight in dreaming up ghastly schemes and schoolgirl pranks to get the new girl expelled.

However, ably assisted by her new best friend Trixie, beating the bullies becomes just one in a series of deliciously irresistible adventures for the ever-energetic Daisy.

The production runs from Wednesday, January 20, to Saturday, January 23. Tickets are £14 Wed/Thurs (students £12) and £15 Fri/Sat (students £13).

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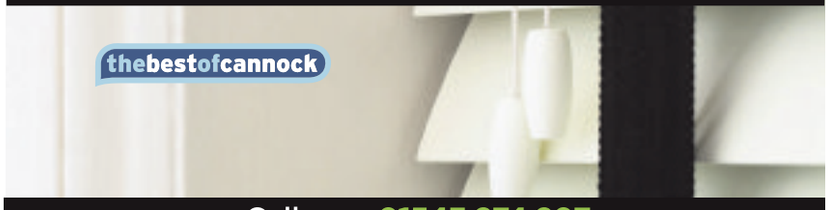

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Guest gives everyone a good 'loff'

Hednesford A TWG

THE speaker for the December meeting was David Bartley who 'ad a lot ter say 'bout Black Country life.

He 'med' everyone 'loff' with his humour and innuendos, making the Christmas party extra special.

A special thank you goes to the committee members, who organised the supply of the lovely buffet, decorated the festive tables and served refreshments.

At the Guild meeting in January, the club will be welcoming Mick and Sylvia Fawdrey from the Mission Aviation Fellowship.

Twenty one Hednesford members attended the Christmas Luncheon Club meal held at the Barns in Huntington. Everyone was very impressed by the festive decorations, the plentiful food portions and the care and attention from the waiting staff. The January Luncheon Club meeting will be held at Sizzlings, formerly Mill Farm.

Six members, plus a friend and a couple of husbands, travelled with Parry's coaches to Thursford for a few days to enjoy the hotel's Christmas Spectacular. They were impressed with the travel company, the comfort of the hotel, the excellent choice of menu, the entertainment and the laughter the members themselves generated.

Guild meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 2pm at St Peter's Church Hall, Hednesford. Call 01543 877987.

Demonstrating life as a Tudor pauper

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Alan Rawlins, president Lynne Tuckley and Trish Mellor

PRESIDENT Lynne Tuckley welcomed more than 80 Soroptimists and their guests to their Christmas celebration when they were entertained by 'Master Henry'.

Alan Rawlins is a steward at Little Moreton Hall, a National Trust property in Cheshire and is a member of the education team.

Little Moreton Hall demonstrates Tudor life for the majority of the population at the time – the poor.

Alan, as Master Henry, dressed in the clothing of a Tudor peasant, gave a taste of life experienced by more than 95 per cent of people in Tudor Britain.

A 'volunteer' was chosen to demonstrate the clothing for a poor woman of the Tudor era and 'Mistress Trish' was dressed in the linen petticoat, bustle, corset, overdress, jacket and bed hat and bonnet.

The bed hat was worn to protect the head from bugs as they slept on mattresses of straw.

£83 raised for air ambulance

Shareshill WI

SECRETARY Sue Davidson welcomed everyone, especially new members, guests from Cannock and Hayes Green and President Margaret Beddard – happily recovered from a short illness – to the Christmas party.

A visit from Father Christmas with a present for everyone got the party started, then it was time to tuck into the fabulous buffet provided by Em Barker.

A competition for the person best dressed in the spirit of Christmas was won by Rose Lynk with Pauline Sawbridge and Joyce Webb runners-up. Instead of sending cards, members made donations to the Midlands Air Ambulance Fund raising £83.

Entertainment was provided by husband and wife duo "Jagged to Jones" with a medley of popular songs and Christmas favourites.

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Mining slump led to job cuts at engineering firm

A BURNTWOOD engineering firm where more than 40 jobs were lost had suffered cash-flow problems after it was 'over-exposed to a contracting mining industry', administrators have said.

Aldridge Fabrications was left with no viable option for the business to continue as a going concern, a statement from FRP Advisory said.

The company, which was founded more than half a century ago, closed sites at Coppice Side, Brownhills, and Prenton in Merseyside, and a factory in Hungary. Jobs were also lost at the business's site at Chase Road, Brownhills, while 34 were made redundant at the headquarters in Mount Road, Burntwood.

Difficulties

However, after FRP Advisory were called in on December 18, the remaining 58 workers at the two sites, as well as in Dilhorne near Stoke-On-Trent and at Birtley in Tyne & Wear, were saved last week in a buyout by a newly formed group called Aldridge Fabrications (AF) Ltd.

The company, which was a specialist in making equipment for mines, faced difficulties with the global mining industry slump over the past three years, as the price of iron, coal and other metals fell dramatically, largely because demand from the huge Chinese economy dried up.

A statement from FRP Advisory said: "Company turnover had declined for the past few years as the business was over-exposed to a contracting mining industry, resulting in unsustainable pressure on the company's cash flow.

"Aldridge Fabrications was restructured in order to try and ease cash flow but the decline in income from the mining business was too severe."

Specialist – Aldridge Fabrications in Mount Road, Burntwood

Business leader's action call

CHASE Chamber director Chris Plant has called on government ministers to make 2016 a year of action, with the ultimate aim of putting the UK economy on a strong and more sustainable footing.

"At the start of 2016, neither ministers nor businesses can afford to be complacent," he said.

"We may have solid levels of economic growth, but there are many clouds on the horizon that could ultimately push Britain into a new economic storm.

"It's time to get real. The UK has been too reliant on consumer spending and asset transactions, driven by increased borrowing, for far too long, and this leaves the economy at risk.

"We have seen it before – when interest rates begin to rise, businesses and consumers are left exposed.

"There's so much that needs to be done, from infrastructure and tax to skills and export support – 2016 must be a year of action, focused on preparing the British economy for the future.

"Building a true partnership between government and business, like so many other successful economies around the world, is absolutely essential," Mr Plant added.

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Law firm in £5,000 donation to Newlife

Courteney James, front left, and Henry Hogan with his mother Helen, and Courteney's mother Lisa James, Keleigh Tomlinson, Ed Postlethwaite and David Reeves

LAW firm Shakespeare Martineau has donated £5,000 to the Cannock-based Newlife Foundation for Disabled Children to help two families to fund specialist care for their children.

The charity provides care for disabled and terminally ill children by providing equipment, nurse-led support services and funding for medical research.

Henry Hogan, aged six, and Courteney James, 17, who both have ongoing conditions that affect their daily lives have received the donation from Shakespeare Martineau to improve their quality of life. Henry from Great Barr has autism which impairs his speech and hearing, and he also lacks a sense of danger.

Such factors require Henry to have a secure place to sleep if staying away from the family home.

The donation has meant that Henry now has access to a safe-space voyager which will allow him to sleep comfortably and in a protected environment while in respite care or when visiting his grandparents.

Courteney, who lives in Coventry, suffers from Ehler-Danios Syndrome, which is a collection of inherited conditions that cause Courteney to be unable to move independently and fully reliant on a wheelchair.

In order to increase her independence and mobility, Courteney requires a lightweight wheelchair to prevent severe discomfort when self-propelling, and Shakespeare Martineau's charitable donation has gone a long way towards making this a reality.

Ed Postlethwaite, legal director at Shakespeare Martineau, said: "It has been a pleasure to meet and support such inspirational families."

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From work colleagues to 60 years of wedded bliss

Eric and Kathleen Jones from Hednesford looking at one of their anniversary cards celebrating 60 years together

A COUPLE from Hednesford have celebrated 60 years of wedded bliss.

Eric and Kathleen Jones, who are 85 and 78 years old, celebrated the magical milestone with family and friends.

Their only child Mel, 58, said the secret to their long years together was simple – 'a bit of give and take on both sides, but mum is in charge'.

Eric met his future wife as he was friends with one of her brothers.

The pair hit it off immediately, started courting and tied the knot on Boxing Day in 1955. They have three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren – including identical triplets. Mel said: "Mum and dad both worked together for a number of years at Dorman Diesels in Stafford. Dad became the union convenor and mum was one of the chief inspectors."

Mr and Mrs Jones have lived at a number of addresses in the town.

Mel said: "My dad is very well known locally for being an outgoing character, he's always very jolly and bubbly, always leading a sing-song.

"Mum is a lot quieter and shyer, but she ruled the roost.

"I think there was definitely a lot of give and take on both sides, but mum is in charge – she is a very strong lady."

The couple on their wedding day

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JCB joy at 100,000th mini excavator

An impressive number – staff at JCB Compact Products celebrate reaching the production milestone

JCB has celebrated the production of its 100,00th mini excavator. The machines were first manufactured at the company's plant in Rugeley before production switched to JCB Compact Products in 1999 to cater for a rapid expansion of the range.

The first mini excavator – an 801 model weighing in at 1.4 tonnes – rolled off the production line in 1989 when just over 450 machines were made.

By 1992 there were four models in the range and annual production rates had risen to 1,000 units. The company last week celebrated the production of its 100,000th compact excavator – a 10-tonne 100C-1, one of 22 models in a range which now spans from one to 10-tonne excavators.

All are manufactured at the JCB Compact Products factory in Cheadle.

The world of mini excavator's is big business, with almost 200,000 sold every year and 20 manufacturers fighting it out for a slice of the market.

Royal photos to be sold

The Queen's portrait

SIGNED portraits of the Queen Elizabeth and Princess Margaret will be sold at auction next week.

Both portraits were taken and signed by Cecil Beaton, who often photographed members of the Royal Family for official publication. He was one Britain's leading war photographers and probably best known for his images of the German Blitz.

The portrait of the Queen, taken in 1949, shows her wearing an evening gown designed by the couturier and official dressmaker to the Queen, Norman Hartnell. It is signed 'Elizabeth R'. The portrait of HRH Princess Margaret is dated 1960 and shows her wearing her wedding dress, on the occasion of her marriage to Anthony Armstrong-Jones. This was the first televised royal wedding, with more than 20 million viewers tuning in. The portrait is signed 'Margaret'.

Both portraits will be in a collector's sale at Lichfield-based Richard Winterton Auctioneers on Wednesday at the Crosskeys salerooms.

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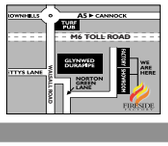

Car thieves ransack home

CAR key burglars raided a house in Hednesford before stealing a silver Audi A6. The thieves made a mess while ransacking the property in St Patrick Close where they also stole a television, laptop and cash. They fled in the Audi A6 which belonged to the homeowner. It took place between Thursday night and the early hours of Friday. Neighbourhood watch spokeswoman Ronnie Turner said: "Please warn your neighbours to be on their guard and observant at all times and make sure all vehicles keys are hidden away." Anyone with information should call 101.

Chief under fire after 'welcoming' police cuts

STAFFORDSHIRE Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis has come under fire after he 'welcomed' cuts to police budgets.

He said on his website that the county's force should look at spending more wisely rather than asking for more cash. It follows an announcement that grants would be cut by up to five per cent.

By Jordan Harris

Mr Ellis, who said he had feared the cuts would be around 20 per cent, published his comments in an article headlined 'PCC Welcomes '2% to 5%' Cuts To Policing Settlement'.

But he has been criticised by the leader of Cannock Chase Council, Councillor George Adamson, who said the police chief should be campaigning to maintain police budgets rather than welcoming cuts of any kind.

He said: "Matthew Ellis should be fighting to at least maintain police budgets in view of the many threats we face today such as terrorism and cyber-crime instead of welcoming further cuts.

Planned

"It is a government's duty to protect its citizens' safety."

Staffordshire Police has already saved £38 million since 2011 with cuts being made to officer numbers and underused rural police stations being forced to close resulting in tens of job losses. The force had planned to save another £38m by 2020.

In response to Councillor Adamson, Mr Ellis said: "Councillor Adamson appears to take the view that spending more public money on services automatically makes it better, regardless of how well the money is spent.

"My view is that it's not just how much money is spent on public services but how well that money is spent.

"In the three years since becoming PCC, the financial position for policing and safety services in Staffordshire has improved significantly and also a greater proportion of the money available goes to supporting frontline services.

"Spending the money available better has also allowed one of the most ambitious investment programmes in technology in the UK to ensure police have the tools to do the job more efficiently in Staffordshire. Dealing with wasteful spend here is allowing new and future investment, firming up the finances and putting policing across Staffordshire on a firm footing.

"But it's also allowed me to provide more money than ever before to local councils, including Cannock Chase, for community safety across their area.

"We have to spend the public's money better, not simply ask for more and more all the time which I think is what the leader of Cannock Chase is suggesting."

Shadow police minister Jack Dromey said: "For a Tory PCC to welcome cuts would be laughable if it were not so serious."

MP speaks out on 'barmy idea' for super force

MERGING the West Midlands and Staffordshire police forces to create a super force is a 'barmy idea' that will lead to more crime, an MP claims.

South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson said rural areas would lose out as more resources were pumped into cities. He said it was clear Wolverhampton and Dudley already lost out being tied to Birmingham.

"This is a barmy idea and one that has no support from my constituents," he added. "We know full well what would happen – rural crime would drop down in the priority.

"You can see that crime in South Staffordshire is much lower than even the bordering areas with the West Midlands. This is because Staffordshire Police recognises and priorities tackling rural crime."

His comments come after outgoing West Midlands Chief Constable Chris Sims said he regretted more had not been done to merge forces into super forces or work closer together.

Mr Williamson, a parliamentary aide to David Cameron, said: "Police chiefs should be less concerned with empire building and more concerned with serving their existing communities."

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A forgotten queen is finally given her due

Queen Anne, Swan Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon

LAST monarch of the Stuart line, Queen Anne is almost a forgotten queen, never celebrated like Elizabeth I or Victoria. But her reign came at a time when the modern age was emerging with party politics and paparazzi-style pamphlets on the streets.

Helen Edmundson's absorbing new play finally brings Queen Anne out of the shadows of history and gives her the limelight she deserves in a five-star 18th century dress production by the Royal Shakespeare Company.

Lean and swiftly-paced by director Natalie Abrahami, it also has many resonances for our times, such as the shaky union with Scotland, kiss-and-tell scandal and political intrigue.

What makes the play so compelling, is that it is the story of two women — the sickly, needy Anne, and the glamorous, ambitious Sarah Churchill, Duchess of Marlborough, whose husband John is the hero general of the age.

When we first encounter Anne she is still a princess, her stroppy Dutch brother-in-law King William apparently eager to sideline her due to her inability to produce an heir after several miscarriages and the death of her young son.

She is also under the influence of the Duchess, upon whom she clearly has a crush, or maybe it is that she sees the woman she wants to be.

But when she unexpectedly becomes queen, Anne gradually finds the courage and confidence to become a real ruler rather than a puppet for power-hungry individuals and factions.

There are not enough roles in theatre for women aged over 30 but here we have two and the actors to make the most of them. Natascha McElhone is splendidly haughty and charismatic as the beautiful, confident Duchess, who finally over-reaches herself. Emma Cunniffe as Anne, who came to the role late because of the withdrawal of another actor, is utterly convincing as Anne, sad and hesitant but with a heart of English oak.

There are many excellent supporting roles, including Beth Park as the no-nonsense Abigail Hill, who helps Anne find her confidence, and Jonathan Broadbent, as the comically tentative schemer Robert Harley, a blueprint for today's politicians.

Anyone who enjoyed the machinations and drama of Wolf Hall would surely also be impressed by Queen Anne. It continues at the Swan until January 23.

Leon Burakowski

A queen gradually finds her courage — Emma Cunniffe as Anne, left, and Natascha McElhone as Sarah Churchill

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£100k fake DVDs racket lands fraudster in prison

A FRAUDSTER from Penkridge caught buying and selling bogus DVDs in a scam worth nearly £100,000 on ebay has been jailed. Paul Foster imported fake box sets of hit TV series from China and had them delivered to his home.

He then sold thousands of the DVDs on the auction website without the necessary consent of trademark owners, Stafford Crown Court heard.

The 51-year-old swindler also attempted to reduce the amount of import duty paid on the illicit goods by falsely claiming the packages of DVDs contained photo albums.

The titles included Downton Abbey, Mr Selfridge, House of Cards and How I Met Your Mother.

Despite it being his first offence, Judge Mark Eades sentenced Foster to 16 months in prison, citing the scale of his deception. He had previously pleaded guilty to one count of participating in a fraudulent business and nine counts of possessing goods with a false trademark for sale or hire.

Unravel

The court heard Foster had been a legitimate trader selling films since 1998 until July 2014.

But prosecutor Tony Watkin said he then shifted to a 'large scale' fraud operation which began to unravel after just three months when a courier reported concerns about packages being delivered to Foster's home in Walhouse Drive.

The firm intercepted a subsequent package in which 815 bogus DVD box sets were discovered.

Foster was reported to Staffordshire Trading Standards which searched the address in January last year and recovered 1,816 box sets worth around £40,000. Via Ebay he recorded sales totalling around £60,000.

Foster, who represented himself in court, said he only benefitted from up to £20,000 in profits from the goods.

Work soon to start on 330 homes

PERSIMMON Homes plans to start work on a new development in Penkridge in the next eight weeks.

The company obtained planning permission at the end of December for the first 50 homes on the Lyne Hill development site.

John Cosgrave, managing director of the firm's West Midlands business, said he and his team were ready for the challenges ahead.

"Here in the West Midlands our focus is on delivery of a range of homes to suit all buyers, whether they are first-time home purchasers or people looking to move up the ladder."

"We plan to start work on our new development in Penkridge early in the first half of this year, and we are actively working with local authorities to gain planning permission in Dudley, Lichfield, Bridgnorth and Cannock for the second half of 2016 and beyond," he added.

Up to 330 homes in total are expected to be built at Lyne Hill.

£100k investment is just the job

Gavin Stevens at work at Icon Exhibitions and Display in Norton Canes

A CANNOCK company has invested almost £100,000 in new equipment and processes in the last 12 months to increase its working capacity, and has achieved its best year of sales ever as a result.

Exhibition design and construction company Icon Exhibitions and Display of Watling Street Business Park, Norton Canes, has invested in various new equipment and processes for its 10,000 sq ft premises to improve working efficiency, including new warehouse racking and extra tooling.

The company has also embraced some of the principles of lean management, and has invested in shadowboards and other such tools to help increase shopfloor workflow and improve processes.

Highest

As a result, this year the company has achieved turnover of more than £1 million – the highest figure it has ever reached in its 20-year history of designing, manufacturing and installing exhibition stands throughout the UK and overseas.

Two new jobs have been created as a result, taking the workforce to 13. Managing director of Icon Exhibitions, Wayne Ball, said: "The investments are definitely benefitting the business."'It's allowed our employees to work even smarter and our prices to be even more competitive as we can produce more in-house."

Hearing aid cuts put back six months

PLANS to reduce the provision of hearing aids for people in South Staffordshire look set to be put back by six months.

Clinical Commissioning Groups were due to cut funding for the devices for people with mild to moderate hearing loss from April.

The move would have affected around 15 per cent of people with hearing problems in Cannock, Hednesford, Rugeley, Stafford and Stone, as well as parts of south Staffordshire.

But following a public meeting on the proposal last year, health bosses have now said the current contract will be extended until September. Andrew Donald, accountable officer for Cannock Chase and Stafford & Surrounds CCGs, said: "We now recognise the strength of feeling generated by the proposal to introduce eligibility criteria for access to the provision of NHS hearing aids.

"This was expressed both on the day and through the contact we have had with local people and we do not believe there is any value in proceeding to a full consultation exercise.

"We will extend the contracts until September, by which time we are expecting some guidance to be produced by the Hearing Loss Advisory Group who are producing guidance for commissioners on the implementation of the Hearing Loss Action Plan."

Martin to hang up his specs after 27 years

A LOCAL opticians will mark a special milestone this month as the store director retires after almost three decades.

Martin Shaw, who opened the doors to Cannock Specsavers in 1988, will hang up his specs at the end of January. During his 27 years as director, the store has gone from strength to strength, welcoming more than 87,000 customers and building a team of more than 20 staff.

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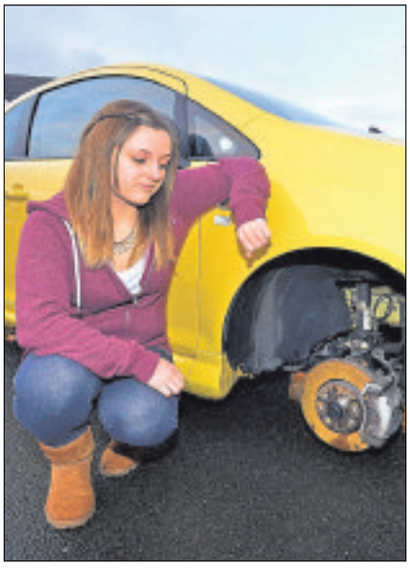

The wheels were stolen from Bekki Wall's Vauxhall Corsa while the car was in Haling Road, Penkridge

A NURSERY nurse woke to find all four of her car's alloy wheels had been stolen while she slept. Rebecca Wall, of Coven, was staying at a friend's house in Haling Road, Penkridge, on Friday night when the theft took place.

She was woken by a neighbour on Saturday, who asked if she knew her car wheels had been stolen. The 22-year-old said she thought he was joking but was shocked to find her car had no tyres. All four of the alloy wheels, believed to be worth more than £1,000, had been removed while she slept.

The car was left with house bricks, which appear to have been used by the thieves to lift the car. The theft happened despite the wheels having lock wheel nuts. "I could not believe it," she said. "Who goes to the effort to steal wheels?

"I put an appeal on Facebook and a couple of girls from the Stafford area have been in touch telling me they have also had their wheels taken. It appears limited edition Corsas are being targeted, apparently there have been two other incidents in Stafford if not more in the past week.

"I just don't understand how they managed to even to do it – I am just in shock," she added

Anyone with information should contact Staffordshire Police on 101 quoting incident number 252 of January 09.

Anger at fee to transfer from terror stab resort

A HEATH HAYES father of two due to take his family on a £3,000 holiday to the Egyptian resort targeted on Friday by terrorists is angry after being told he cannot change the booking without a financial penalty.

Justin Hawthorne, aged 39, had organised a two-week break at the Red Sea resort of Hurghada.

By Marion Brennan

Three foreign tourists were stabbed by two suspected Islamic State militants who stormed a hotel, armed with knives, and were shot by police.

Mr Hawthorne, who runs his own catering business, said he does not want to risk taking his wife Beci and their daughters, aged 11 and seven, since news of the attack emerged. But he has been told he will have to pay a penalty of £280 to switch destinations, plus the difference in price if the flights are more expensive.

The holiday was organised before the loss in October of a Russian plane, believed to have been brought down by a bomb in the hold, leading the UK and other countries to halt flights to Sharm el-Sheikh, also on the Red Sea, citing security fears. Mr Hawthorne, of Sweetbriar Way, said: "Our holiday company, Travel Republic, is saying their hands are tied because the Government is not warning people not to go there.

"We're not asking for a refund, we just want to change destinations, but we're being told we have to pay £70 per person to do so, which seems unfair.

"By having to change the holiday to a later date, it puts the price up again, and the whole cost starts to spiral out of control."

He said he and wife, who works for Tesco, talk about the problem nightly. "We've got a bit of time to play with but we'll have to make a decision soon." he said.

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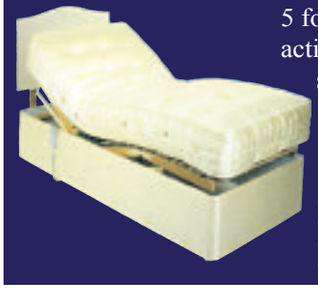

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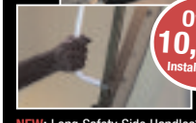

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The consultation is open to everyone. To find out more about the EQIA update, and to submit your response, visit www.gov.uk/hs2 or call 020 7944 4908.

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Enjoyed

There will also be traditional ciders and perry, specialist bottled beers, a choice of wines, good quality food such as the 'Famous Pork Pies' as well as a wide range of soft drinks for drivers. Entertainment will be laid on by a covers band called Last Orders on the Friday evening and Sixties specialists Made in Britain on the Saturday.

The festival is open midday-11pm Friday and midday-10pm Saturday. Admission is £2 before 6pm and £3 after.

Lichfield Arts president Brian Pretty said: "These festivals are great community events, enjoyed by all, attracting many much-needed visitors to the city, which boosts the local economy."

For further information about the festival and to book tickets, go to www.lichfieldarts.org.uk or call 01543 262223.

Organisers raise a glass before last year's festival

Trust to take over managing 'haven'

Councillor Andy Smith, left, chats with Staffordshire Wildlife Trust chief executive Julian Woolford on Gentleshaw Common, which is a Site of Special Scientific Interest

By Heather Large

A NATURE reserve described as a 'jewel in the crown' of Staffordshire will become a haven for wildlife as part of a long-term masterplan.

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust has signed a 99-year lease with Lichfield District Council to manage Gentleshaw Common, which is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

It hopes it will be a popular choice for a host of wildlife, including birds, solitary bees and wasps, as well as many species of plants including bog asphodel, heather and fly-catching carnivorous plants. Meanwhile, work such as scrub clearance will also take place to make the 86-hectare site, which is north of Burntwood, a more attractive place to visit.

Julian Woolford, chief executive of Staffordshire Wildlife Trust, said: "Gentleshaw is a jewel in the crown of heathland sites in Staffordshire and becomes one of our largest nature reserves.

"It is a well-loved nature reserve and we will continue to ensure that it is an amazing place to visit, where people can get away from it all and enjoy the sights and sounds of nature.

"We will also be working to make sure that Gentleshaw Common is the best it can be for the rare heathland wildlife that lives there.

"As the county's leading nature conservation charity, we have a proven track record of caring for and improving special wild landscapes across Staffordshire and we are really looking forward to making Gentleshaw Common an even better place for people and wildlife."

Councillor Andy Smith, cabinet member for leisure and parks, said: "We're pleased to be working with Staffordshire Wildlife Trust to ensure the future of Gentleshaw Common.

"It's such a fantastic local resource with its beautiful environment, home to rare wet and dry heathland habitats, with a large range of wildlife."

Jaclyn Lake, from Natural England, has welcomed the project, saying: "Gentleshaw Common SSSI is a key part of the network of nationally important heathland sites throughout the West Midlands."

The new lease agreement will not affect public access to the common, which will remain open to all.

A volunteer work party has been set up on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month between 10.30am and 3pm, meeting at the parking area off Chorley Road at the end of Ogley Hay Road, Burntwood.

To book a place or for more information, contact Jeff Sim at Staffordshire Wildlife Trust on 01889 880100 or email j.sim@staffs-wildlife.org.uk

Beginners welcome on family tree course

CLASSES in family history are about to start again at Burntwood Library.

"My beginners' lessons – a six-week course – will take place either on Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning, or both, depending upon demand," said the course organiser, Pam Woodburn.

"It will include the basic steps in tracing your family tree and advice on how to avoid some of the pitfalls – and avoid expense.

"There will be an online element, and anyone interested should have basic computer skills. I am happy to discuss this with anyone who is not too sure about this.

Waiting

"I have been providing these lessons for many years and have close links with the Burntwood Family History Group, of whom I am a founder member. Anyone who is interested in attending, or just finding out more information about the lessons, should contact me on 01543 684208 – please leave a message if necessary – or email me at pam.woodburn@talktalk.net and I will get in touch.

"Unfortunately I was obliged to postpone my last course of lessons owing to my husband's ill health, and I believe there are people who are waiting to hear when they will be starting again."

Raw garage rock is in Hinds sight

ALBUMS

by Leon Burakowski

THE girly garage rock sound of young Spanish band Hinds has a ramshackle charm on their debut album Leave Me Alone.

They put a female slant on the sort of chaotic rock that's familiar from The Libertines and Palma Violets on San Diego and there is something oddly touching about I'll Be Your Man.

No one who has ever embraced the punk ethic can't help but enjoy their lo-fi chant-along rock 'n' roll with its vintage surf guitar sound.

Hinds will be in concert at Birmingham venue The Hare & Hounds, in Kings Heath, on February 23.

Handsworth singer **Ruby Turner** gets the showcase she deserves with the album **Jools & Ruby**, in which the vocal mainstay of **Jools Holland**'s Rhythm and Blues Orchestra takes centre stage for a soul-stirring and foot-tapping selection of new and vintage songs.

Ruby has a voice as big and rich as her cheery personality and is second to none in the UK when it comes to singing soul, gospel, jazz, blues and reggae. All those genres and more are covered on this 22 track selection with top-notch tinkling of the ivories from her old pal Jools, the boogie woogie specialist, and classy rhythm and brass from the orchestra.

Highlights include her versions of Peace In The Valley, This Train, Honey Hush, the saucy My Country Man and new Ruby-Jools co-written song Pray Have Mercy.

Cage The Elephant come from Kentucky but sound more like they hail from the UK with a sound influenced by Britpop, mod and glam rock. Hints of The Kinks and Supergrass can be heard on their fourth album **Tell Me I'm Pretty**, produced by Dan Auerbach of The Black Keys. They are also contemporary enough to appeal to fans of Peace and The Temples.

Hinds — lo-fi chant-along rock 'n' roll with a vintage surf guitar sound

Highlights include recent single Trouble, the Animals-like Cold Cold Cold and Marc Bolan meets The Monkees stomper That's Right.

Sometimes artists from the avant garde can make the finest, most sophisticated popular music, and people such as David Bowie, Brian Eno and Green Gartside spring to mind. Maybe it's something to do with de-constructing music to find out what makes it work.

Add the name of **Julia Holter**, a 31-year-old Californian who has pursued her own path over three experimental albums leading to her latest, **Have You In My Wilderness**. It is being described as a classic by some.

I missed it when originally released in the autumn and am grateful to have belatedly caught up. With her unconventional but appealing phrasing, she performs quirky pop songs and moody ballads in which, Bowie-like, she tends to play characters.

She is a fresh talent who could appeal to admirers of Kate Bush, Tori Amos and Alison Goldfrapp, even fans of more mainstream pop stars, such as Ellie Goulding and Lana Del Ray, could be drawn in by this intriguing, captivating album.

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Hospice grateful for support in van hunt

Hospice driver Joe Hemmings with a van similar to the one that was stolen last month

A CHARITY has thanked people for their support as the search continues for a stolen van.

St Giles Hospice workers returned from the Christmas break to find the white Ford Transit had been taken from their Shenstone warehouse.

The theft of the van, which is still yet to be found, happened on December 27 at 6.40 pm. Since bosses launched their appeal for the van, it has been viewed over 138,000 times on Facebook and over 10,000 times on Twitter.

The hospice, which cares for the seriously ill, used the van to collect and deliver donations to its shops around the region. They have had one call from the member of the public with a possible sighting but it did not come to fruition. Emma Hodges, chief executive officer of the hospice, said: "We have had an overwhelming response and local support from people after we put the appeal for the van out, which is great,but we need to find it."

The stolen vehicle did not have any donations inside at the time it was stolen. The vehicle's last movement was recorded at 9.25pm on December 27 at an unknown location.

It features green St Giles Hospice logos on either side of the vehicle and has the registration number YS11 YMM.

700 council vehicles in crashes in five years

MORE than 700 county council vehicles have been involved in crashes in the last five years, at a cost of £219,000 to taxpayers.

A total of 722 council owned or leased vehicles were involved in accidents between September 1, 2010 and September 30, 2015 including reversing into a wall, driving into the back of a fellow driver and hitting a gate.

By Jack Averty

These have cost taxpayers £219,000 in compensation, repairs and replacements.

Last year was the worst for accidents with 165. It began with 158 in 2010-11 but this slowly decreased to 153 in 2011-12, 137 in 2012-13 and to 109 in 2013-14, before it surged last year.

Dia Chakravarty, the political director of the TaxPayers' Alliance, said: "Accidents will happen but it is important that the council do all it can to ensure taxpayer-funded vehicles are well cared for and driven by responsible, qualified drivers.

"A spike in the number of breakdown or accidents last year is concerning. Let's hope 2016 sees a fall in those numbers." Not every accident was the fault of the council and its drivers, as some of the payouts were for vandalism and crashes which were the fault of another vehicle.

Staffordshire County Council put the number of crashes down to the sheer size of the area.

Ian Parry, deputy leader of Staffordshire County Council, and also the cabinet member for finance, strategy and corporate issues, said: "Staffordshire's a large, rural county and we have such a wide range of gritters, mobile libraries, vans and so on that staff drive many thousands of miles every year – often in difficult conditions. we look at accident trends to see if anything should change."

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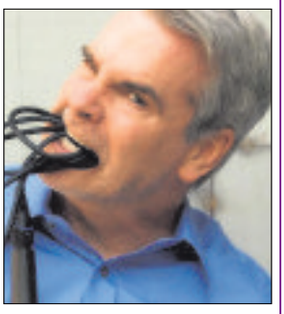

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Come back after ten years? Corrs we can

AFTER a decade away, The Corrs have returned with a new album and tour, including a concert at Genting Arena, Birmingham, on Tuesday.

Between 1995, when The Corrs released their debut offering Forgiven, Not Forgotten, and 2005 when their fifth album Home was launched, the band saw album sales of more than 40 million.

Then, the soft rock family band from Dundalk, took a ten year break for solo projects. Now Jim, Sharon, Caroline and Andrea are back together with a new album, White Light, which entered the UK charts at No 11.

The siblings have been busy promoting the record over recent months. Youngest Corr and singer, Andrea, has noticed the change of pace.

Babies

"'Where am I?' That's something I ask myself every day now," says the 41-year-old."What am I doing here and where are my babies?"

Since the hiatus, Andrea's had two children — three-year-old Jean and Brett Jr who's just turned one — with husband Brett Desmond, who she married in 2009.

She says the band's reunion is only a recent plan, from January 2015, when Caroline suggested they try to write some new music.

"We all missed being in the band. We had gone off the radar, and there was no record company involvement or anything like that. No one knew we were going to make a comeback. But if one of us had reservations, we wouldn't be here either. It's all four of us, or none at all."

After a couple of days in the studio, they had more than enough ideas. "And that's the only reason we're here," adds Andrea.

"If the music was no good, I wouldn't be back. We're so excited about it, and playing together after 10 years not doing so."

By September, the quartet were on stage in front of 60,000 people at BBC Radio 2 Live in London's Hyde Park.

It will be worth turning up early to catch support group, rising star British country music duo The Shires.

The Corrs are making a triumphant return Picture by K Westenberg

Snow body does it better

CREATED by Birmingham Repertory Theatre 22 years ago, The Snowman has been delighting young and old alike for over two decades with its wonderful mix of storytelling, spectacle and magic.

Now, it returns to Birmingham Rep following a successful 18th festive year in London's West End.

Based on Raymond Briggs' book The Snowman and featuring Howard Blake's much-loved score, The Rep's production has been seen by over half a million people since it first came to the stage.

The enchanting show tells the story of a young boy's adventures when his snowman comes miraculously to life on Christmas Eve. Featuring a dazzling array of colourful characters, including dancing penguins, magical reindeer, a beautiful snow princess, and, of course, Father Christmas himself, The Snowman is a treat for all the family.

The Snowman first appeared as a beautifully illustrated picture book by Raymond Briggs in 1978. It has since inspired the classic Oscar-nominated, Bafta award-winning animated film, first broadcast by Channel 4 on Christmas Eve of 1982.

The magical stage production features Howard Blake's timeless musical score played by a live orchestra, and includes the signature song Walking in the Air.

The Snowman is the perfect introduction to theatre for the very young and is at the Centenary Square theatre from Wednesday (January 20) to January 24. The Snowman is directed by Bill Alexander and choreographed by Robert North with set and costume designs by Ruari Murchison.

Black Dyke bring the best of brass

THE world's most famous brass band comes to Birmingham for an afternoon concert on Sunday.

With 160 years of rich musical history, Yorkshire's Black Dyke Band is proud of its heritage but also looks to the future. Last year in Germany the Queensbury-based band represented England and won the European Brass band Championships for the thirteenth time. Black Dyke Band is the most recorded brass band in the world with over 350 recordings and most successful contesting band having won the British Open 30 times and the National Championships of Great Britain 23 times.

The concert is at 2.30pm at the Symphony Hall.

Comedians make it a funny start to year

TOP American comic and actor Kevin Hart, who starred in Get Hard opposite Will Ferrell and in Grudge Match with Robert De Niro and Sylvester Stallone, brings his What Now? Tour to the Barclaycard Arena tomorrow (Fri).

Andrew Lawrence, who recently had a Radio 4 sitcom, There Is No Escape, is at The Slade Rooms in Wolverhampton on Saturday, the same night Stephen K Amos plays The Old Rep, next to New Street Station in Birmingham. Expect politically incorrect humour when Jim Davidson brings his Charlton Nil show to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre on Monday.

Magical music is a classical treat

ONE of classical music's most popular pieces will be brought to life when conductor Andrew Gourlay leads the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra through Rimsky-Korsakov's Scheherazade.

The matinee performances will take place today (Thu) at 2.15pm and again on Saturday at 3pm.

Gourlay will conduct pianist Alexander Romanovsky and the CBSO at Birmingham's Symphony Hall. The programme will also feature Ravel's own little book of musical fairytales, The Mother Goose Suite, and Rachmaninov's jazziest concerto, Piano Concerto No 4.

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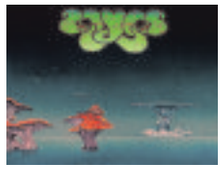

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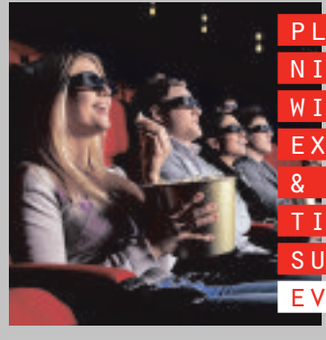

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CHOICE

Dermot O'Leary

The Getaway Car (BBC1, 6.50pm)
Dermot O'Leary takes five pairs of contestants to the South African countryside, where he puts their nerves, driving and communication skills – and their relationships – to the test in a series of high-octane car-based challenges. The most successful duo receive a chance to pit their talents behind the wheel against those of Top Gear's resident stunt-driver the Stig. Should they triumph, the winners will claim a £10,000 cash prize and the title of Getaway Champions. The contest gets under way as firefighter Matt and his wife Nicola, studio recording duo Sas and Grant, railway workers Wayne and Illy, long-term couple Vicki and Lindsey and newly engaged pair Manuella and Jamie take a spin on the show's circuit.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** James Martin: Home Comforts. **12.00** BBC News; Weather. **12.10** Football Focus. **12.50** Saturday Sportsday. **1.00** Live Snooker: The Masters. The opening semi-final from Alexandra Palace, London. **4.30** Final Score. **5.10** Now You See It. **5.40** BBC News. **5.50** Regional Programme.

6.00 Pointless Celebrities. Lizzie Webb, Chris Steele, Robin Cousins, Rosemary Conley, Iwan Thomas, Katharine Merry, Dr Dawn Harper and Dr Pixie McKenna compete in a "health and fitness" edition of the quiz.

6.50 The Getaway Car. New series. Five pairs of contestants head to South Africa to test their nerves, driving and communication skills in a series of car-based challenges. Presented by Dermot O'Leary.

7.45 The Voice UK. The BBC's flagship singing contest continues as Paloma Faith, Boy George, Will.i.am and Ricky Wilson preside over the second of seven "blind auditions", in which they must select their teams by assessing contestants' vocal abilities alone. This time, the coaches hear from professional cage fighter Chase Morton, who sings on his way to bouts, and violinist-turned-vocalist Charley Blue. Plus, drag queen Divina DeCampo displays a unique voice and Liverpudlian Stevie Calrow shows off the talents that once gave him a chance to sing with the Beatles.

9.05 Casualty. Ethan desperately searches a stretched-to-capacity ED for a bed to accommodate a critically ill elderly woman, and a young couple's plans to go travelling are halted by a car crash.

9.55 The National Lottery Live. Gaby Roslin presents as the all-important winning numbers are revealed.

10.05 BBC News; Weather.

10.25 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Manchester City v Crystal Palace at the Etihad Stadium and Chelsea v Everton at Stamford Bridge; National Lottery Update.

11.50 Snooker: The Masters – Extra. Hazel Irvine presents.

1.50 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.55** BBC News.

BBC2

6.05 Race to Super Bowl 50. (R) **6.55 Film:** Wonder Man. (1945) Comedy musical, starring Danny Kaye and Virginia Mayo. **8.30 Film:** The Prisoner of Zenda. (1952) Adventure, starring Stewart Granger. **10.10** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **11.10** Natural World. (R) **12.00** James Martin: Home Comforts. (R) **12.45** James Martin: Home Comforts. (R) **1.30** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.00** For What It's Worth. (R) **3.45** Flog It! (R) **4.30** Live Snooker: The Masters. The concluding frames of the opening semi-final. **5.30** Victorian Bakers. (R)

6.30 Dad's Army. Captain Mainwaring and his platoon are challenged to a cricket match by Warden Hodges, who has signed up a professional for his side. Featuring a guest appearance by former England and Yorkshire fast bowler Fred Trueman. Vintage comedy first shown in 1970, starring Arthur Lowe and Bill Pertwee. (R)

7.00 Live Snooker: The Masters. Hazel Irvine presents coverage of the second semi-final from Alexandra Palace, London, where the line-up for the final will be confirmed over the best of 11 frames. Shaun Murphy prevailed against Mark Allen with a 6-2 victory in last year's concluding semi-final, earning him a chance to claim the title in a contest against Neil Robertson. With commentary by Dennis Taylor, Ken Doherty, Stephen Hendry, John Virgo, Steve Davis and John Parrott. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

10.30 QI XL. Panellists Sue Perkins, Romesh Ranganathan, Bill Bailey and Alan Davies compete, as Stephen Fry hosts an extended edition of the irreverent quiz show.

11.15 Insert Name Here. Hugh Dennis, Omid Djalili, Roisin Conaty and Alice Roberts join captains Richard Osman and Josh Widdicombe to answer questions about famous people who share a name. (R)

11.45 Dragons' Den. The panel of entrepreneurs casts an eye over more business ideas, including an innovative camping stove and a scheme involving hard-boiled eggs. Evan Davis presents. (R)

12.45 Film: Spider. (2002) David Cronenberg's psychological thriller, starring Ralph Fiennes. **2.20** This Is BBC Two. Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Sooty. (R) **7.15** Super 4. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters. **8.30** Scrambled!: Thunderbirds Are Go. **9.05** Scrambled!: The Tom & Jerry Show. (R) **9.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.15** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **11.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **1.30** Judge Rinder. (R) **2.35** Tipping Point. (R) **3.35** Doc Martin. (R) **4.30** The Martin Lewis Money Show. (R) **5.00** The Saturday Night Story. (R)

6.05 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.15 ITV News; Weather.

6.30 New You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates more viewer-submitted comical mishaps, including an unusual take on Ninja Warrior UK and a fine example of why bicycle selfies are a bad idea.

7.00 Ninja Warrior UK. Ben Shephard, Rochelle Humes and Chris Kamara host the fourth heat, as competitors from across the UK test their strength, speed and courage in the obstacle-course challenge.

8.00 Take Me Out. Paddy McGuinness lines up another selection of potential sweethearts for his 30 single women. This time, the love lift delivers Irish dancer Mitch from Bristol, diamond consultant Adam from Essex, Salisbury-based musician Nathan, and Rick, an ice hockey player from Blackburn. Each man sets out to to impress the ladies, hoping they keep their lights on as a sign of approval, and Paddy provides an update from last week's couples on the Isle of Fernandos.

9.20 The Jonathan Ross Show. Veteran actor Michael Caine visits the studio for his first British chat show appearance in nearly 10 years, along with Creed stars Michael B Johnson and Sylvester Stallone.

10.20 ITV News; Weather.

10.35 Film: Lethal Weapon 4. (1998) Action adventure, starring Mel Gibson.

12.50 Jackpot247. **3.00** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.40** The King of Queens. (R) **7.05** The King of Queens. (R) **7.30** Ironman Switzerland. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** The Morning Line. **10.00 Film:** Flash Gordon. (1980) **12.10** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.35** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Warwick, Wetherby and Chelmsford City. **4.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.35** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.05** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.35** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.05 Channel 4 News.

6.35 Location, Location, Location. Kirstie Allsopp comes to the aid of two friends who want to move to East London, and are pooling their resources in the hope of getting a shared house together. Phil Spencer helps a local woman hoping to make an investment that will help her with her long-term goal of quitting her job and making a living as a yoga teacher. (R)

7.30 World's Weirdest Homes. Charlie Luxton presents a guide to 20 of the most unusual residences ever built, before revealing what he considers the weirdest house on Earth. Residences featured include a skip that provides living space for an artist, a rotating house, a plane in the middle of a forest, a converted nuclear missile silo, a perfect replica of the family home from The Munsters, a house shaped like a giant beagle, a summerhouse by a frequently flooding river and an apartment block that looks like a giant snake. (R)

9.00 Film: Fast & Furious 6. (2013) Premiere. A gang of fugitives is reunited by an FBI manhunter, who offers the criminals pardons in return for their help. They must go to Europe and bring down a criminal syndicate led by a ruthless London gangster, whose right-hand woman is an old friend of theirs assumed to be dead. Action thriller sequel, with Vin Diesel, Dwayne Johnson and Michelle Rodriguez.

11.40 Film: The Running Man. (1987) A convict takes part in a brutal TV game show in which he is hunted by a series of gadget-wielding killers. Sci-fi action adventure, with Arnold Schwarzenegger.

1.30 Hollyoaks. (R) **3.30** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **8.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **9.30** The Saturday Show. **11.35** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.30** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.30 Film:** Columbo: A Matter of Honour. (1976) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **3.00** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. (R) **4.00** Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild. (R) **5.00** Ice Road Truckers. (R)

6.00 5 News Weekend.

6.05 World War II in Colour. How Britain remained defiant after the retreat from Dunkirk, the development of radar and a breakthrough in cracking German codes that helped it win the Battle of Britain. (R)

7.00 World War II Battlefield Recovery. A four-man team of excavation experts sets out to retrieve Second World War relics from the battlefields of the Eastern Front, telling the stories of fallen soldiers by examining their remains.

8.00 Chasing Monsters. Adventurer Cyril Chauquet visits remote waters to seek out the colossal goliath grouper, the world's largest marine fish, which can grow to more than 800 pounds.

9.00 The Championship: Football League Tonight. Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights of the weekend's second-tier matches, including a Yorkshire derby as Sheffield Wednesday met Leeds United at Hillsborough.

10.00 Goal Rush: Football League Tonight. Kelly Cates and George Riley present all the goals from League One and League Two, where fixtures included Bradford City v Oldham Athletic and Accrington Stanley v Portsmouth.

10.30 Celebrity Big Brother. Highlights of the famous housemates' past 24 hours under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother, as they try to get used to living alongside one another.

11.30 Lip Sync Battle UK: Jason Manford v Michelle Keegan. Melanie Brown and Professor Green present the musical game show as comedian Jason Manford and actress Michelle Keegan go head to head lip-synching to a hit song. (R)

12.00 SuperCasino. **3.10** Celebrity Big Brother. (R) **4.00** Celebrity Big Brother: Heroes and Villains. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Don't Tell the Bride **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Live at the Apollo **9.30 Film:** Drive (2011) **11.05** Family Guy **12.55** Russell Howard's Good News **1.25** Live at the Apollo **1.55** Siblings **2.25 Film:** Bedtime Stories (2008) **4.00** Close

BBC Four
7.00 Stories from the Dark Earth: Meet the Ancestors Revisited **8.00** Castles – Britain's Fortified History **9.00** The Young Montalbano **10.40** Music Moguls: Masters of Pop **11.40** One-Hit Wonders at the BBC **12.40** Danny Baker's Great Album Showdown **1.45** Top of the Pops **3.05** Sounds of the Eighties **3.30** Close

ITV2
11.20 Ninja Warrior UK **12.20** You've Been Framed! Gold **1.50 Film:** What a Girl Wants (2003) **4.00 Film:** Bean (1997) **5.45 Film:** The Lost World: Jurassic Park (1997) **8.15** Beowulf: Return to the Shieldlands **9.20** Take Me Out – The Gossip **10.20 Film:** American Pie 2 (2001) **12.25** The Keith Lemon Sketch Show **1.20** Reality Bites **1.55** Viral Tap **2.30** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.55** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3
11.50 A Touch of Frost **1.50** The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes **4.05 Film:** Columbo: Butterfly in Shades of Grey (1993) **6.05** Lewis **8.00** Foyle's War **10.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **12.00** Marchlands **1.00** The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes **2.00** Man About the House **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4
1.15 Film: Captain Newman MD (1964) **3.50 Film:** Tobruk (1967) **6.00** Storage Wars: Texas **8.00** Storage Wars **9.00 Film:** Assassins (1995) **11.40 Film:** The Glimmer Man (1996) **1.35** Nitro Circus **2.00** The Professionals **2.55** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

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11.00 How I Met Your Mother **12.00** Couples Come Dine with Me **2.00** The Goldbergs **3.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** Role Models (2008) **11.00** Gogglebox **12.40** The Inbetweeners **1.50** The IT Crowd **2.45** How I Met Your Mother **3.30** Don't Trust the B**** in Apartment 23 **4.15** Revenge

Film4
11.00 The Frogmen (1951) **1.00** The Three Musketeers (1993) **3.05** Carry On Up the Khyber (1968) **5.00** Fast Girls (2012) **6.45** Tootsie (1982) **9.00** Contraband (2012) **11.10** Alleluia (2014) **1.00** The Wolfman (2010) **3.20** Close

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CHOICE

Liz White

Call the Midwife (BBC1, 8pm)
Hot on the heels of the Christmas special comes the start of the period drama's fifth series. It's now 1961 and the winds of social change are starting to blow into Poplar – but that's not the only matter that's about to alter. The nurses' uniforms have had a tweak, enabling them to ditch their ill-fitting dresses for something with a more flattering cut. It's Easter when we catch up with the ladies, and Patsy's attention is taken by local mother Rhoda Mullucks who, along with her husband, struggles to cope after giving birth to a baby with severe deformities. Meanwhile, Trixie launches an exercise class that highlights how little Poplar's womenfolk know about their own bodies.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.15** Eat Well for Less? (R) **3.15** Escape to the Country. **4.15** Lifeline. **4.25** Songs of Praise. **5.00** Great Barrier Reef with David Attenborough. (R)

6.00 BBC News.

6.20 Regional Programme.

6.30 Countryfile. Matt Baker and Ellie Harrison explore Gloucestershire, visiting Batsford Arboretum, where the trees are being given a health check, and the International Centre for Birds of Prey, where Californian Condors are being bred in captivity. Plus, Josh Widdicombe visits a Welsh campsite and beach that holds special memories for him and his family, Adam Henson meets one of the finalist from last year's Food and Farming Awards and Tom Heap reports on neglected and abandoned horses. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

7.30 Still Open All Hours. A bridegroom has cold feet, and it falls to Granville to ensure he makes it to the wedding. Mrs Featherstone continues her search for a husband, and spies two likely candidates.

8.00 Call the Midwife. New series. Patsy helps to deliver a severely deformed baby, and the sisters rally round to give the parents the support they need. A keep fit class leads to a medical emergency.

9.00 War & Peace. Pierre fights a duel with Dolokhov, Natasha and Sonya both receive unexpected marriage proposals, and Nikolai makes the mistake of placing his trust in a dangerous friend.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, featuring Liverpool v Manchester United.

11.30 Film: The Devil's Double. (2011) An Iraqi soldier is plunged into a world of murder and violence when he becomes a body double for Saddam Hussein's son. Fact-based drama, with Dominic Cooper and Ludivine Sagnier.

1.10 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.15** BBC News.

BBC2

6.30 The A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **7.15** Monty Don's Italian Gardens. (R) **8.15** Countryfile. (R) **9.15** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **10.45** James Martin: Home Comforts. (R) **11.30** James Martin: Home Comforts. (R) **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** Live Snooker: The Masters. Hazel Irvine presents coverage of the opening eight frames of the final from Alexandra Palace, London, where the best-of-19-frames match takes place. Subsequent programmes subject to change. **5.15** Ski Sunday.

6.00 World's Sneakiest Animals. Chris Packham features animals that utilise devious tactics to win a mate and raise a family, such as bower birds and fiddler crabs, who use optical illusions to impress a female, and male topi antelope, who fake danger to give them an edge. He also looks at family life, including the chicks that blackmail their parents, and the honeyguide bird that dupes another species into raising its young. Last in the series. (R)

7.00 Live Snooker: The Masters. Hazel Irvine presents concluding coverage of the final from Alexandra Palace, London, where a maximum of 11 frames will be played to decide this year's champion. Shaun Murphy claimed his first Masters title with a 10-2 victory over Neil Robertson in 2015, winning all four frames in the second session to avenge a defeat suffered at the hands of "the Thunder" in this match three years earlier. With commentary by Dennis Taylor, Ken Doherty, Stephen Hendry, John Virgo, Steve Davis and John Parrott. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

11.00 Film: Jo Nesbo's Headhunters. (2011) A corporate headhunter moonlights as a thief, but his latest robbery leads him to uncover a dangerous secret. Crime thriller, starring Aksel Hennie and Nikolaj Coster-Waldau.

12.35 Sign Zone: Countryfile. Matt Baker learns about oilseed-rape farming in Hertfordshire with chef Jean-Christophe Novelli, and Adam Henson meets the winner of last year's Countryfile Farming Hero award. (R) **1.35** Holby City. Essie allows her personal life to affect her work when she has to deal with a difficult mother-and-son relationship, while Guy's career goes from strength to strength. (R) **2.35** This Is BBC Two. Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.15** Super 4. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters. **8.30** Scrambled!: Bear Grylls Survival Story. **9.05** Scrambled!: The Tom & Jerry Show. (R) **9.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **11.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.35** Catchphrase. (R) **2.20** Ninja Warrior UK. (R) **3.20 Film:** You Only Live Twice. (1967) **5.35** Regional Programme; Weather.**5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 Unbelievable Moments Caught on Camera. Part two of two. Alastair Stewart presents footage of extraordinary animal rescues, including a couple who came to the aid of a humpback whale that had got caught in fishing nets.

7.00 Beowulf: Return to the Shieldlands. Rheda leads a search for Slean, who has disappeared without trace – but is also under increasing pressure to identify the traitor before her people turn against her.

8.00 Endeavour. The detective investigates the disappearance of a Dutch au pair, which seems connected to rivalry amid the city's academics. His search leads him to a family estate in the Oxfordshire countryside where he meets three siblings divided by personal demons and shared loss. Endeavour suspects there is a link between the disappearance and an unsolved case from years before, but as the investigation continues, conflict erupts between his fellow officers. When a group of teenagers makes a horrifying discovery, he suspects someone is manipulating events from afar.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.20 Joanna Lumley's Trans-Siberian Adventure. Joanna concludes her journey, visiting the city where the Russian royal family was killed, before returning to the place where she was photographed in 1966. Last in the series. (R)

11.20 Perspectives: Eddie Redmayne on War Art. (R)

12.15 Jackpot247. **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.40** The King of Queens. (R) **7.05** The King of Queens. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) **1.30** Location, Location, Location. (R) **2.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **3.05** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **3.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **3.55** The Simpsons. (R) **4.25** The Simpsons. (R) **4.55** The Simpsons. (R) **5.30 Film:** Epic. (2013) Premiere. Animated adventure, with the voice of Amanda Seyfried.

7.30 Channel 4 News.

8.00 Walking the Himalayas. Levison Wood returns to the site of his car crash to resume the journey, and is reunited with the people who saved his life. He keeps a promise to Binod by accompanying him on a trek to his family home in Pokhara, before continuing their travels with members of the Gurung tribe, who risk their lives to collect honey from wild bees living on high cliffs. They visit the site of an earthquake in 2014 and visit Kathmandu, before crossing the border into Bhutan.

9.00 Deutschland 83. While at a Nato conference in Brussels, Moritz gets an assignment to seduce a security analyst's secretary so he can install a microphone in their office. He receives word that his mother is on the shortlist for a kidney transplant, and provides a sample of his blood to see if he is a suitable donor. Meanwhile in the East, Annett discovers her mother is hiding something from her. In German.

10.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown. Jimmy Carr hosts the comedy panel show, with guests Jason Manford and Roisin Conaty joining forces with team captains Sean Lock and Jon Richardson. (R)

11.05 Film: The Final Destination. (2009) Four teenagers escape being killed in a tragedy at a racetrack – only to start dying in a series of gruesome accidents. Horror sequel, starring Bobby Campo and Shantel VanSanten.

12.35 15 Kids and Counting. (R) **1.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **3.55** The Fabulous Baker Brothers. **4.50** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R) **5.00** The Restoration Man. Revisiting a builder who converted a former 18th-century folly. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **6.15** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.30** Bob the Builder. (R) **6.45** Tickety Toc. (R) **6.55** Zack and Quack. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.25** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.40** Little Princess. (R) **7.50** Pip Ahoy! (R) **8.00** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.25** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.40** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **8.55** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.10** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **9.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.30** The Championship: Football League Tonight. (R) **11.30** Goal Rush: Football League Tonight. (R) **11.55** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.55** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.55 Film:** Blue Streak. (1999) Comedy, starring Martin Lawrence. **3.40 Film:** Cheaper By the Dozen 2. (2005) Comedy sequel, starring Steve Martin. **5.25 Film:** George of the Jungle. (1997) Comedy, starring Brendan Fraser.

7.10 Film: Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls. (1995) The eccentric pet detective is coaxed out of self-imposed exile in a Buddhist monastery to visit Africa and help search for a sacred white bat. However, his unique investigative talents are tested to the limits as he faces a race against time to find the missing creature and prevent a tribal war. Comedy sequel, starring Jim Carrey, Simon Callow and Bob Gunton. Edited for language and sexual content.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Celebrity Big Brother. A chance to catch up with the latest events inside the house as the celebrities cope with living under constant surveillance, with all the arguments and alliances, as well as the revelations in the diary room.

10.00 Film: Eat Pray Love. (2010) Premiere. A divorced woman goes on a journey around the world, hoping to find the inner peace she feels she has always lacked. Drama, starring Julia Roberts and James Franco.

12.40 Tattoo Disasters UK. A drunken man who used a tattoo gun to etch names on his arms. (R) **1.05** SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. **3.10** Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun. Cameras follow magician Barry, who tries to forge a new life in Benidorm. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Great TV Mistakes **7.10** Pop's Greatest Dance Crazes **7.40** The Voice UK **9.00 Film:** Looper (2012) **10.50** Russell Howard's Good News **11.20** Family Guy **12.05** American Dad! **12.45** Russell Howard's Good News **1.15** Siblings **1.45** Pop's Greatest Dance Crazes **2.15** Great TV Mistakes **2.25 Film:** 102 Dalmatians (2000) **4.00** Close

BBC Four
7.00 India's Frontier Railways **8.00** Empire of the Tsars: Romanov Russia with Lucy Worsley **9.00** Storyville: The Golden Age of Circus – Show of Shows **10.15** Timeshift: A Day at the Zoo **11.15** Lost Horizons: The Big Bang **12.15** Alex Higgins: The People's Champion **1.15** 20th Century Battlefields **2.15** American Nomads **3.45** Close

ITV2
11.40 Take Me Out **12.55** Take Me Out – The Gossip **2.00** You've Been Framed! **2.55 Film:** Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang (2010) **5.05 Film:** Jurassic Park III (2001) **6.55** Minion Madness **7.10 Film:** Hotel Transylvania (2012) **9.00 Film:** Quantum of Solace (2008) **11.10 Film:** Not Another Teen Movie (2001) **1.15** Reality Bites **1.50** Planet's Funniest Animals **2.15** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3
11.45 Film: Columbo: Butterfly in Shades of Grey (1993) **1.40** The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes **3.55** Agatha Christie's Marple **5.55** Midsomer Murders **8.00** Me and My Guide Dog **9.00** Neil Diamond: One Night Only **10.15 Film:** Captain Corelli's Mandolin (2001) **12.45 Film:** Ooh, You Are Awful (1972) **2.30** On the Buses **3.50** Heartbeat

ITV4
2.05 Film: The Hanging Tree (1959) **4.15 Film:** Apache (1954) **6.05 Film:** Smokey and the Bandit (1977) **8.00** The Chase: Celebrity Special **9.00 Film:** The Client (1994) **11.30 Film:** 30 Days of Night (2007) **1.45** Alias Smith and Jones **2.40** Movies Now **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen

E4
5.10 The Big Bang Theory: Superheroes **9.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **10.00** Tattoo Fixers **11.00** Rude Tube **12.05** The Inbetweeners **1.15** The IT Crowd **2.20** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **3.15** Don't Trust the B**** in Apartment 23

Film4
11.00 13 Rue Madeleine (1946) **1.00** Clueless (1995) **2.50** Napoleon Dynamite (2004) **4.40** The Princess Diaries (2001) **6.55** America's Sweethearts (2001) **9.00** Taken (2008) **10.45** Mr Nice (2010)

FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
Crimes of the Mind, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Carolyn Raeburn signs her 16-year-old daughter Laura up for a few weeks of horse-riding lessons at a remote ranch, but the teenager ends up being brainwashed by a woman who grooms her to take the place of her own murdered child. Fact-based thriller, starring Christina Cox and Paula Trickey. (2014)

TUESDAY
The Heist, BBC1, 11.45pm
Roger, a security guard working at an American museum, discovers several pieces from a collection he has defended for more than a Determined to stop the sale from taking place, he enlists the aid of two like-minded guards in a desperate mission to steal the artworks. Crime comedy, starring Christopher Walken, Morgan Freeman and William H Macy. (2009

WEDNESDAY
Good, BBC1, 11.45pm
A literary professor in 1930s Germany finds his work praised by the fast-rising Nazi party, and begins to enjoy the privileges conferred by their acclaim. Drama, with Viggo Mortensen and Jason Isaacs. (2008)

The Heist, Tuesday, BBC1, 11.45pm

THURSDAY
Virtual Lies, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A woman discovers her husband is having an affair over the internet. He is shamed into giving up the relationship and trying to save their troubled marriage, but the concerned wife soon discovers her online rival is dangerously obsessed with him and will stop at nothing to drive them apart. Thriller, starring Christina Cox and Marc Menard. (2012)

FRIDAY
You Only Live Twice, ITV, 11.10pm
James Bond is sent on a mission to uncover the truth behind the disappearances of Soviet and American space capsules before the mutually suspicious superpowers go to war. The trail leads to Japan, where Bond finally comes face to face with his arch-enemy Blofeld. Spy thriller, starring Sean Connery, Donald Pleasence, Akiko Wakabayashi and Bernard Lee. (1967)

PICK OF THE WEEK

Joyce is still managing to have fun in the sun

With the departure of the Garveys at the end of the last season, many thought that ITV's sun-kissed comedy may have finally reached the end of it's shelf life.

However, last week's hilarious series eight opener proved that there are still plenty of laughs to be had with the holidaymakers at the Solana.

Replacing the Garveys as the main family in the show are the Dawsons – Sheron (Julie Graham) and Eddie (Steve Edge) – hoping for a relaxing holiday with their children Rob (Josh Bolt) and Jodie (Honor Kneafsey).

However, in true Benidorm style, a peaceful time is not what they get, especially as Grandad 'Eddie' Dawson (Bobby Knutt) tags along.

In tonight's episode, Eddie attempts to make amends with his daughter in law Sheron, which is not easy. Julie Graham who plays the matriarch says:

"She's got a temper! She's not very pleased that Billy's father Eddie has gatecrashed the family holiday. It's putting her marriage under a huge strain. She feels like she's being made to hang out with a really annoying child.

"The theme running through the series with them is that Billy is trying to find the right moment to tell Sheron that Eddie is going to move in with them back home. He's obviously putting it off because he knows how she's going to react!"

Another former Solana resident, Tiger Dyke (Danny Walters), is back for a lads holiday and has brought his pal Joey Ellis (Nathan Bryon) along.

Tonight, the lads take a liking to new staff girl Amber, but do they stand a chance and are they simply in Spain for the sun, sea and sex?

"There's a bit of that, but the comedy comes from them being such fools," Walters explains.

"They are so innocent, it's not all about drinking and ladies. It's about two mates having fun and they get things wrong all the time."

Newcomer to the show, Bryon, agrees.

"They are both utterly useless to be honest," he says.

So there are few new characters on the Costa Blanca, but one old face who has returned is Jake Canuso, who plays Mateo, the show's wannabe Lothario who is back, fresh from a short stint in Madrid.

In this episode, Mateo becomes the odd choice to run a staff first aid course. And stalwart Canuso is in no doubt that there is plenty of life left in the show, eight years down the line.

"It has real heart, it has craziness, jokes and the campness, but underneath all that there is a realness to the characters," he says.

"They all have their flaws and you get a glimmer of that every now and again.

"I also think the time of year that the show is on is perfect, as it's cold and dark outside and you switch on your telly and see sunshine and blue skies."

Of course, having great guest stars who are eager to frequent the Solana does hurt either. The likes of Shane Ritchie, John Challis, Michael Fenton Stevens, Frances Barber and Angus Deayton all cropping up in future weeks, while tonight's guest star is none other than legendary comedian and actor Roy Hudd.

Sherrie Hewson stars in Benidorm, Monday, ITV, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Silent Witness
BBC1, 9pm
Part one of two. An ex-convict is found murdered in his home and suspicion immediately lands on a recently released child killer. Nikki and the Lyell team are introduced to forensic psychologist Sasha Blackburn, who works closely with those released from prison on licence, as both the victim and one of the suspects are clients of hers. The investigators soon learn that it is not just the minds of these young men that are fragile, but their freedom is too. Forensic crime drama, guest starring Lyndsey Marshal and Niamh Cusack.

TUESDAY
Phone Shop Idol
BBC2, 10pm
New series. Britain's mobile phone sales force battle it out in 'Shop Idol', an annual industry competition, in a test of their technical knowledge, customer service and sales skills. Over six months, the salespeople will take part in competitive heats presided over by three judges, with the winner receiving a fast-tracked career. In the first edition, the most ambitious phone shop staff are selected to represent their company. Their customer approach is then tested in a secretly filmed visit.

WEDNESDAY
The National Television Awards
ITV, 7.30pm
The nation's most popular shows and stars gather at The O2, London for the ceremony celebrating the best of British TV over the past year. Viewers choose the winners via a nationwide poll, with TV talking points such as Poldark, Doctor Foster, Humans, Downton Abbey, Gogglebox, The Great British Bake Off, X Factor, and Strictly Come Dancing competing for honours. Includes special guest performers, plus Billy Connolly receiving the NTAs Special Recognition Award from Dustin Hoffman. Presented by Dermot O'Leary.

Bodyshockers: Nips, Tucks and Tattoos
Channel 4, 10pm
A new year makes many want to try new things, such as get a tattoo or transform our bodies and faces in an attempt to stand out. But some folks like to take such things to the extreme as this show proves. There's a growing trend of irreversible tattoos, alarming sub dermals and huge breast enhancements, as Katie Piper reveals. She'll be chatting to folks using ever more extreme ways to make their faces and bodies stand out. They include Amy, an animal lover who had her eyes tattooed black to look like a horse and her tongue split to look like a snake. We also meet Andrea, a party girl tired of her giant double-F boob job.

Bodyshockers: Nips, Tucks and Tattoos, Wednesday, Channel 4, 10pm

THURSDAY
Death in Paradise
BBC1, 9pm
There's rarely a dull moment for the models at a local fashion show, whether it's the pressure of quick changes between parading up and down the catwalk or the perils of tearing the odd dress. However, when Zoe McKay is strangled a few moments after leaving the catwalk, DI Humphrey Goodman and his team are called in to investigate. As always the investigation proves to be far from easy. There are no apparent witnesses and a lack of DNA evidence. Kris Marshall and Danny John Jules star.

The Story of China
BBC2, 9pm
New series. Michael Wood tells the story of the world's newest superpower, exploring the stories, people, culture and landscapes that have helped create its character over 4,000 years. He begins by looking at ancestry, one of the great themes of Chinese history. He joins a 300-strong family as they reunite to carry out rituals for an ancestor who died in 1049, witnesses a million pilgrims at the shrine of the goddess Nu Wa, and hears about China's greatest archaeological discovery, the Oracle Bones, which reveal fascinating clues about the first great dynasty – the Shang.

FRIDAY
Shetland
BBC1, 9pm
Perez quickly establishes that Robbie's body was retrieved from inside a shipping container. As such a thing can only be locked externally, the team now seeks a murderer – with Michael Maguire the prime suspect. A search of the ferry reveals that someone forced entry into the deck where the container was parked. Craig is implicated when Robbie's recovered phone reveals several missed calls from him, but Maguire remains heavily in the frame after the team discovers he recently made a sizable cash withdrawal.

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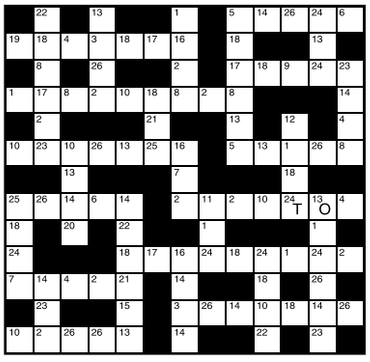

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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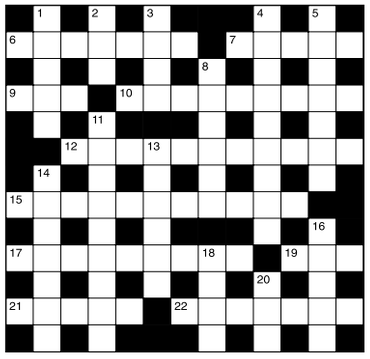

Cryptic Clues:

Across

6. Reading about a description of a wood, perhaps (7)
7. Maurice has a heart of gold (5)
9. An expert well served (3)
10. It's horrible fighting against the government (9)
12. Martin hopes to mix, the very thing he hates (11)
15. The sort of food people won't stand for (3-4,4)
17. Happen to finish in the first three (4,5)
19. Spot a little girl (3)
21. Less than pleased with the contract (5)
22. Has to row faster (7)

Down

1. A boring couple (5)
2. Service gratuity (3)
3. Apportion food, say? (4)
4. Killer who gives one a close shave (3-6)
5. Steals the child while it sleeps? (7)
8. Base Shakespearean character (6)
11. It's bawled out - and is unlikely to react tamely (4,5)
13. Les gets mixed up with the law, too (2,4)
14. Possibly a term in a tower (7)
16. He gave people the law and doctors directions (5)
18. Overcook fish (4)
20. Enclosure in the post you open (3)

Quick Clues:

Across

6. Hide (7)
7. Tantalise (5)
9. Charge (3)
10. Melancholy (9)
12. Changes of fortune (3-3-5)
15. Tropical disease (6,5)
17. Residing in (9)
19. Moose (3)
21. Beneath (5)
22. Clumsy (7)

Down

1. Lid (5)
2. Perform (3)
3. Ignoble (4)
4. Warship (9)
5. Amaze (7)
8. Interfere (6)
11. Clapped (9)
13. Ever (6)
14. Dismount (7)
16. Vigilant (5)
18. Information (4)
20. Possess (3)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Railway ticket; 8 Chairman; 9 Owls; 10 Steers; 12 Inline; 14 Scared; 16 Glance; 18 Tomb; 20 Leap year; 22 Prefer a charge. Down: 1 Pathetic; 2 Plaice; 3 Palm; 4 Standing; 5 School; 6 Deal; 11 Saddlers; 13 No change; 15 Rebuff; 17 Anyway; 19 Oars; 21 Arch. QUICK - Across: 7 Heterogeneous; 8 Contempt; 9 Asks; 10 Attend; 12 Clench; 14 Propel; 16 Elapse; 18 Brat; 20 Cock-crow; 22 Disinterested. Down: 1 Reporter; 2 Settle; 3 Form; 4 Tentacle; 5 Rebate; 6 Dusk; 11 Delicate; 13 Customer; 15 Putrid; 17 Access; 19 Raid; 21 Care.

Thinking space

Quiz

1. Who was the Roman goddess of peace?
2. In which book by Dickens does Nathaniel Winkle appear?
3. When is the first day of the grouse-shooting season?
4. Who wrote the light opera Tales of Hoffmann?
5. What, in communications, does the abbreviation STD stand for?
6. Who directed the film Orphée?
7. What is a Buff Orpington?
8. Which composer wrote the symphonic poem Finlandia?
9. From which country do the Ainu people come?
10. In which ocean is the Banda Sea?

Last week's solutions:
Quiz: 1 Saturn; 2 In the North Atlantic between the Azores and the West Indies; 3 New York State; 4 Woodpecker; 5 In an air crash; 6 Soh; 7 The art of decorating or carving shells and ivory; 8 Sir Joseph Paxton; 9 True or reliable facts and information; 10 A collapsible opera hat.
Niner: VERACIOUS

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

874 gives an animal,
219 gives a child,
37564 gives a holy man.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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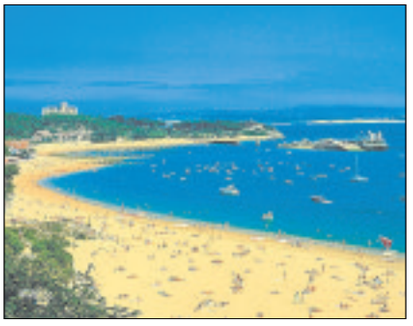

The beach at Santander, northern Spain's city by the sea

Enjoy a delicious seafood dinner beside the harbour in beautiful Honfleur

A street market in the bustling Norman city of Caen

Relax and make the ferry journey part of your holiday experience

By Leon Burakowski

BRITTANY Ferries is riding a wave of success after announcing its most successful year in more than a decade.

More passengers are using Brittany Ferries as the gateway to western France and northern Spain, and the company is also becoming a major one-stop holiday provider.

The 20 per cent discount on holidays booked before February 9 and a modest deposit of £40 per person is proving popular with families, especially as they can further spread the cost with the balance payable six weeks before departure.

Holidays in France, Spain and Portugal range from hotels and campsites to self-catering gites, cottages, paradors, apartments and villas.

Departures from Portsmouth, Poole and Plymouth, as opposed to negotiating the chock-a-block M25-M20 to Dover, and the lure of often empty roads in Normandy and Brittany, instead of Calais and its problems, have won over families keen to avoid stress.

The holiday starts once aboard the cruise ferries with day and evening cabins available, or comfortable reserved seats, to ensure a relaxing experience — plus live entertainment, cinemas, shops, fine French dining or self-service restaurants.

Or from May to September there is a high speed service with the catamaran Normandie Express getting from Portsmouth to Cherbourg in as little as three hours.

Don't rush to your resort as soon as you reach the port because these coastal towns and cities are worth exploring, maybe on a short break or as a touring base. Favourites include Caen, a short distance from the ferry port at Ouistreham, which is dominated by William the Conquerer's huge castle and has the lively buzz of a university city. It is also only a short distance from here to Bayeux with its museum based around the famous tapestry.

Le Havre was rebuilt after the destruction of the Second World War and is now a World Heritage site, a Maritime Metropolis famed for its 1950s architecture, Reached from Portsmouth via the 'Economie' service, this gateway to the Alabaster Coast is just a short drive — via the breathtaking Normandy Bridge over the Seine — to the picturesque harbour town of Honfleur, famous for art and seafood.

If food is high on the agenda, there is a quite amazing range of restaurants in the walled port city of Saint Malo in Brittany. The former haunt of infamous pirates is the place to sample the famous Breton crepes and cider, and it also has lots of chic shops. Not far from Saint Malo is the magnificent and mystical Mont Saint Michel, another Unesco World Heritage site. The 24 to 32 hour services to Spain from Portsmouth link the UK with the bustling Basque city of Bilbao famed for the Frank Gehry–designed Guggenheim Museum Bilbao and the beach city of Santander.

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Preparing for a sale in winter

During the winter, the housing market is renowned for being slower, with many people holding off on selling their property until the spring.

However, by incorporating a few simple tips, sellers can make their properties look and feel more attractive, increasing the chance of receiving an offer during the winter, says the National Association of Estate Agents (NAEA)

Martyn Baum, president of National Association of Estate Agents, says: "Traditionally, properties are harder to sell during the winter.

"It's dark and cold and while homes don't look as attractive, we're less inclined to be proactive and search for a property – and this can leave sellers feeling in a stalemate position, waiting for the spring to kick in.

"Your estate agent should be well equipped to adapt to selling homes in these quieter periods but you can start by making changes as small as turning on a light or clearing out clutter."

The NAEA's top tips for those looking to sell their property during winter are as follows:

First impressions count:

The first seconds upon arriving at a property really impact the buyer's decisions, so clear your front entrance of any winter weather damage.

Winter can make the front garden and paths look dull and dirty, so ensuring these are clean and clear of leaves will improve the attractiveness of the property.

Bright and beautiful:

Ensure your home is well lit, this means simply checking all the bulbs are working prior to a viewing and switching them on, including any outdoor lighting.

You'll know which lighting looks best in your home so work with this, especially when viewings run into the evening.

During the day you can make the most of natural light by ensuring all blinds and curtains are fully open and clutter is moved out of the way.

Warm and friendly:

It's important to make your house feel warm and homely; it will encourage potential buyers to stay longer and to be able to vision themselves living at home.

Smell is also important and each home smells different, so in order to not risk putting buyers off, freshen up your home.

Open the windows prior to the viewing to let some fresh air circulate – unless it's freezing – and display some freshly cut flowers… the old cliché of fresh bread or roasting coffee really does work as well. It is also advisable to accentuate any features that are particularly important in the winter such as a fireplace, which can be a real selling point of a home.

In the Garden:

A messy garden can signal the need for too much work and thus detract buyers; the winter weather can also tire garden furniture, which looks quite unsightly.

If possible, clear patio furniture away, if not, ensure they are securely covered. It is also advisable to trim back overhanging branches, particularly those blocking the windows in order to encourage as much light into the property as possible.

Be flexible:

With less daylight hours available for potential buyers to view your house, you should be as available as possible, for prospective buyers to view it when it's convenient for them. Your estate agent should help you work around these tricky daylight hours.

Tackle any winter damage:

Make sure any problems with the property that are more prominent in the winter – such as damp or a faulty boiler – are fixed prior to putting the house on the market.

Increased rainfall over the winter does take its toll on guttering, so check the gutters and drain covers are properly cleared of dead leaves and other debris, as leaky gutters and down pipes cause damage and are unsightly.

Flying off for the winter:

If you are going away for any period over the winter, the heating should be left on at a low temperature (minimum of 15°c), in order to prevent the pipes from freezing. If you are away for a long period and don't want to keep the heating on 24/7, make sure it is on a timer. Longer spells at a lower temperature can be more economical than shorter blasts at higher temperatures. This will ensure that there are no problems upon your return to be dealt with before showing to prospective buyers.

Benefits of using an NAEA member

The National Association of Estate Agents (NAEA) is the UK's leading professional body for estate agency personnel, being part of a group representing 16,000 members who practice across all aspects of property services both in the UK.

These include residential and commercial sales and lettings, property management, business transfer, auctioneering and land. NAEA is dedicated to the goal of professionalism within all aspects of property, estate agency and land. Its aim is to reassure the general public that by appointing an NAEA member to represent them they will receive the highest level of integrity and service for all property matters. The NAEA is a sister organisation to the Association of Residential Letting Agents (ARLA).

What makes NAEA members different?

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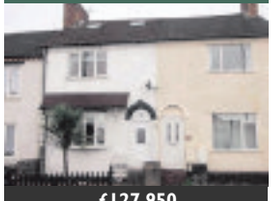

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- Two Reception Rooms
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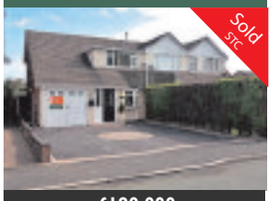

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- Well Presented Semi Detached
- Three Good Sized Bedrooms
- Kitchen & Lounge
- Conservatory
- Forecourt Parking & Garage
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Rosebay Meadow Heath Hayes

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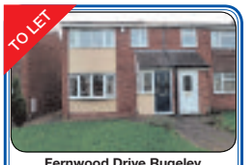

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£190,000

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- End 3 Storey Town Home
- 3 Good Size Bedrooms
- Living Room/Diner
- Conservatory
- Cloak
- Large Ensuite
- Family Bathroom
- Garden
- Garage - NO CHAIN

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- Living Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Utility, Solar Panels
- Family Bathroom
- Nice Rear Garden
- Very large front drive
- Popular area

£145,000

Pillaton, Penkridge

- Idyllic Barn
- 5 Bedrooms
- Sitting Room
- Dining Area
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Aga
- Utility & Cloaks
- 3 Bathrooms
- Gardens
- Tandem Garage

£1,495 pcm

Pinfold Drive, Handsacre

- Detached bungalow
- Good Size
- 3 Bedrooms
- Large living Room/Diner
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Loveley Size Garden
- Car Port
- Plenty of Parking

£750 pcm

Mavesyn Close, Hill Ridware

- Lovely Bungalow
- Lovely Area
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Living/Dining Room
- Doors out to the Garden
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Delightful garden
- Double Glazed
- Gas central heating.

£650

New Road, Armitage

- Good Size Home
- Mid Terrace
- Traditional
- 2 Good Bedrooms
- Living Room
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Cellar
- Garden.

£575

The Siding, Rugeley Rd, Hednesford

- Smart Apartment
- 2 Bedrooms
- Living Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom with Shower
- Good Starage
- Communal Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Available Now

£450 pcm

Hamilton Close, Hednesford

- Nice Apartment
- Furnished
- Popular Area
- 1st Floor
- Double Bedroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Bathroom with Shower
- Plenty of Parking
- Sorry no DSS

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- Kitchen Diner
- Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Landscape Gardens

£114,950

NEW

HEDNESFORD
CHURCH HILL

- Detached Bungalow
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Re Fitted Kitchen
- Four Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Integral Garage
- Landscape Gardens

£244,950

NEW

GREAT WYRLEY
BROADMEADOW LANE

- Detached House
- Porch, Entrance Hallway
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Dining Room, Conservatory
- Sitting Area/Snug
- Study/Bed 4
- Refitted Bathroom
- Four Beds
- Refitted Shower Room
- Store Room/Workshop

£269,950

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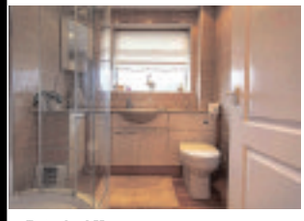

- Detached House
- Through Hallway
- Guest W.C.
- Lounge
- Dining Room/ Sitting Room
- Kitchen, Utility
- Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Rear Garden

£259,950

NEW

HEDNESFORD
BEECHPINE CLOSE

- Detached Family Home
- Hallway, Guest W.C.
- Lounge.
- Conservatory
- Dining Room
- Re fitted Kitchen
- Utility Room

£189,950

NEW

HEDNESFORD
CORSICAN DRIVE

- Semi Detached House
- Hallway
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden

£130,000

NEW

HEDNESFORD
CROXLEY DRIVE

- Detached House
- Hallway, Guest W.C.
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility Room
- Four Bedrooms
- En-Suite, Bathroom

Offers Over £350,000

NEW

HEDNESFORD
CHERRY BANK

- Semi detached House
- Hallway, Guest W.C.
- Kitchen
- Lounge.
- Conservatory
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom

£119,950

NEW

CANNOCK
LIME PIT LANE

- Semi Detached House
- Hallway
- Lounge Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Spacious Bathroom
- Landscape Gardens

£120,000

NEW

RAWNSLEY
RAWNSLEY ROAD

- Mid Terraced
- Formal Lounge
- Re Fitted Kitchen
- Dining Room
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garden

£110,000

NEW

HUNTINGTON
HEATHBANK DRIVE

- Semi Detached House
- Hallway
- Lounge
- New Kitchen/Diner
- Three Bedrooms
- New Shower Room
- Tandem Carport

£154,950

NEW

CANNOCK
BURNS STREET

- Detached House
- Through Hallway
- Lounge/ Conservatory
- Kitchen/ Diner
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden

£139,950

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HEDNESFORD
COPPERMILL CLOSE

- Detached Bungalow
- Reception Hallway
- Lounge/ Diner
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear Gardens

£154,950

GREAT WYRLEY
OLDE HALL LANE

- Detached House
- 2 reception Rooms
- Refitted Kitchen
- Four Bedrooms
- En-Suite
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens

Offers Over £260,000

NO CHAIN

HEATH HAYES
LANGHOLM DRIVE

- Link detached House
- Hallway
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Utility Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Side Garage

£154,950

NO CHAIN

SHOAL HILL
DOWNES WAY

- Extended family home
- Entrance Hallway
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Utility
- Guest W.C.
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Gardens

£190,000

GREAT WYRLEY
WALSALL ROAD

- Detached Bungalow
- Through Hallway
- Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden

£250,000

WEDGES MILLS
WOOD LANE

- Outstanding Detached Dorma
- Through Hallway, Lounge
- Stunning Kitchen
- Dining Room, Conservatory
- Utility Room.

£359,950

NO CHAIN

CANNOCK
REMINGTON CLOSE

- Hallway
- Lounge,
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Communal Garden

£108,999

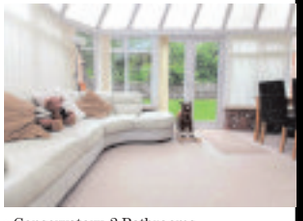
NO CHAIN

HEDNESFORD
BRADBURY LANE

- Detached Bungalow
- Porch
- Through Hallway
- Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage
- Landscape Gardens

£250,000

HUNTINGTON
COLLIERS WAY



- 6 BEDROOM DETACHED
- COMPETITIVELY PRICED
- Through Hallway, Guest WC
- Lounge, Dining kitchen
- Conservatory, 2 Bathrooms
- En-suite, Det. garage
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PELSALL ROAD

- Impressive Det Cottage
- Set within private grounds
- Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen
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£370,000

WEDGES MILLS
THE MEADOWS

- Detached Family Home
- Through Hallway, WC
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Conservatory, Kitchen

£315,000

NO CHAIN

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CEMETERY ROAD

- Spacious Detached
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Unfurnished, Semi Detached House, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, GCH & DG, Rear Garden, Parking, EPC Rating D

£550 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
HICKORY COURT

Unfurnished, Town House, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Rear Garden, Parking, EPC Rating D

£550 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
REMBRANDT CLOSE

Unfurnished, Semi Detached, Lounge, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Conservatory, Rear Garden, Parking, EPC Rating E

£550 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
GORSEMOOR ROAD

Unfurnished, Semi Detached House, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, GCH & DG, Rear Garden, Parking, EPC Rating E

£525 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

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QUEEN STREET

Unfurnished, Terrace House, Lounge, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Rear Garden, EPC Rating D

£525 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
HELIGAN PLACE

Unfurnished, Town House, Lounge, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Rear Garden, Parking, EPC Rating C

£495 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

BLOXWICH
MAY STREET

Unfurnished, Terrace House, Lounge, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Garden, EPC Rating D

£495 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
CANNOCK ROAD

Unfurnished, Ground Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Allocated Parking, EPC Rating C

£475 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
CANNOCK ROAD

Unfurnished, First Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Parking, EPC Rating C

£475 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
HEATH WAY

Unfurnished, First Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Electric Heating, Double Glazing, Parking, EPC Rating E

£395 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NORTON CANES
WOODFIELD CLOSE

Unfurnished, Detached House, Lounge, Kitchen Diner, 3 Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Separate Shower Room, GCH & DG, Rear Garden, Garage, EPC Rating D

£700 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

GREAT WYRLEY
AJAX CLOSE

Unfurnished, Terrace House, Lounge, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, GCH & DG, Front & Rear Garden, Parking, EPC Rating C

£550 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

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BEECH TREE COURT

Unfurnished, 2nd Floor Flat, Open Plan, Lounge/Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Parking, EPC Rating C

£525 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NORTON CANES
NORTON TERRACE

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£495 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
HILL STREET

Unfurnished, Ground Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, 1 Bedroom, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Parking, EPC Rating C

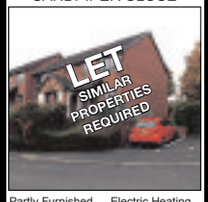
£400 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEDNESFORD
MOUNT STREET

Unfurnished, Ground Floor Flat, Open Plan, Lounge/Kitchen, 1 Bedroom, Shower Room, Electric Heating, Double Glazing, Rear Garden, Allocated Parking, EPC Rating D

£400 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEDNESFORD
SANDPIPER CLOSE



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- Two Reception Rooms
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- Three Bedrooms
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Price £215,000

- Flexible Family Living Home
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Offers Around £220,000

- Detached Home
- Four Bedrooms
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Coalpit Lane, Brereton

Price £284,950

- Well Presented Detached Bungalow
- Refitted Kitchen
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- Conservatory
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- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen & Lounge
- Driveway
- Open Aspect
- EPC C

Cemetery Road, Cannock

Offers Around £125,000

- Semi Detached Home
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Good sized Garden
- EPC

Chapel Street, Norton Canes

Offers Around £139,950

- Semi Detached Family Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Games Room
- Conservatory
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- Semi Detached Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen & Lounge
- Ample Parking
- Garage & Workshop
- EPC

Hamilton Street, Bloxwich

Offers Around £142,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Utility and Conservatory
- No Chain
- EPC Rating C

Woodheyes Lawns, Rugeley

Offers Around £155,000

- Extended Semi Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Fitted kitchen
- No Upward Chain
- EPC

Poukhill Close, Walsall

Offers Around £159,950

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garage
- No Chain
- EPC D

Beacon Way, Wimblebury

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- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted kitchen & Utility
- No Chain
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- Three Reception Rooms
- Parking, Carport & Garage
- Popular Location
- Awaiting EPC

Seabrook road, Rugeley

Offers Around £169,950

- Extended Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Refitted kitchen
- Garage
- EPC

Nuthatch Close, Cannock

Offers Around £175,000

- Mid Town House
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Conservatory
- No Chain
- EPC

Chasewater Way, Norton Canes

Offers Around £210,000

- Detached Family Home
- Three Double Bedrooms
- En-suite and Family Bathroom
- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- EPC

Robins Croft, Heath Hayes

Offers Around £225,000

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- Four Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Downstairs Cloaks
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- Ensuite & Family Bathroom
- Utility & downstairs Cloaks
- Conservatory
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Hednesford

Farm Court, Hednesford **95,000**

Connells are marketing this one bedroomed over 55's apartment comprising of lounge, kitchen, bedroom, wet room, double glazing and gas central heating (where specified), allocated parking, gardens, drying area, communal lounge area and guest bedroom at small charge. Energy rating: B.

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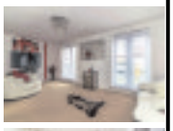
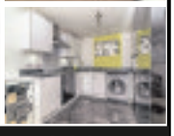
Cemetery Road, Cannock **£95,000**

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this deceptively spacious two bedroom mid-terraced property in Cannock and is within the catchment area to Redhill Primary School. Close by you have a train station, and other good schools and local amenities. The property comprises of a entrance porch, family lounge, dining room with patio doors leading out to rear garden, modern fitted kitchen, lobby which houses the boiler, downstairs bathroom with shower, wash basin and W/C. Upstairs there is two generous double bedrooms with the master benefiting from having two walk in wardrobes. To the rear there is an entertainment patio area with shed which has electric, side gated passage way to front of property, outside water tap, lawned area with shrubs, to the end of the garden there is a further raised patio area with steps to brick BBQ and another additional shed. Energy Rating: D.

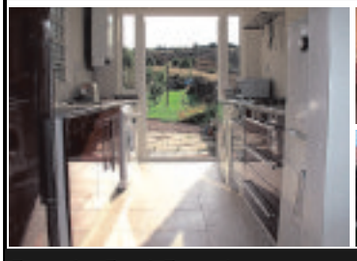
Bridgetown

Dorney Place, Bridgetown **O.O £105,000**

Connells Estate Agents are delighted to present for sale this modern two bedroom upper floor, luxury apartment in Bridgetown offering good access onto the A5 and the M6 Toll and has it's very own parking space. Energy rating: B.

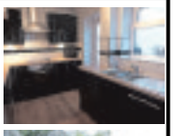
Rawnsley



Rawnsley Road, Rawnsley **£112,000**

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market this two bedroom terraced house BACKING ONTO HEDNESFORD HILLS which comprises of lounge, kitchen, dining room, two bedrooms and an upstairs bathroom, there is also secure parking to the rear of the property behind the large garden. Energy rating: awaited.

Heath Hayes



Apple Walk, Heath Hayes **£115,000**

Connells Estate Agents are delighted to present for sale this immaculate and superbly presented, two bedroom house located in Heath Hayes which is home to some of the best schools in Cannock. Transport links are also good with the A5, M6 Motorway and M6 Toll nearby. The property is of a great design, and briefly comprises of a porch, lounge, recently fitted modern, black gloss kitchen, a conservatory, two bedrooms and an upstairs bathroom. Externally the property has a front to side garden complete with decking and a lawn area, there is also an allocated parking space. Energy rating: F.

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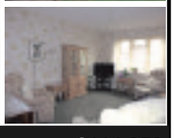

Remington Drive, Cannock **£114,950**

Connells are pleased to market this over 55's only, warden control with emergency pull cords. Two bedroom Mid terraced bungalow comprising of hallway, lounge, kitchen, wet room, gas central heating and double glazing (where specified) and allocated parking. Energy rating: C.

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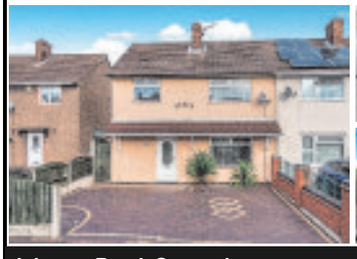

Johnson Road, Cannock **£120,000**

Connells are pleased to market this three bedroom semi detached property located in Cannock which briefly comprises of entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, off road parking, rear garden and double glazing (where specified). Energy rating: E.

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Huntington Terrace Road, Cannock **£125,000**

This attractive three bedroom Semi detached house boasts from having flexible living accommodation. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, modern fitted kitchen, additional utility room, significantly large lounge diner and conservatory, three bedrooms and a modern fitted bathroom. Energy rating: E.

Hednesford

Heath Street, Hednesford **£136,000**

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this deceptively spacious two double bedroom semi-detached property in Hednesford complete with a driveway to the front and a large rear garden. Energy rating: D.

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Churchbridge

Forge Close, Churchbridge **£154,950**

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this immaculately presented, three bedroom mid-terraced house which is set over three floors and is situated in an ideal location for commuters as it is easy access to the m6 toll and Cannock town. EPC Rating: D

Heath Hayes

Buckland Close, Heath Hayes **£162,500**

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this quiet CUL-DE-SAC location, detached, two bedroom bungalow situated in the popular area of HEATH HAYES near to Gorsemoor Primary and other schools, transport links and nearby amenities. The property is currently leasehold but the Freehold will be purchased upon completion. You will be buying the property as a Freehold property. The property comprises of a entrance porch, family lounge, modern fitted kitchen, recently fitted bathroom with shower, basin and W/C, two bedrooms of which the second could even be used as the dining room if needed as it offers access into the garden. Externally to the front the property aids from having off road parking for multiple cars and car port across the side of the bungalow. To the rear there is a patio area, a seperate lawn area with shrubs and a shed. Energy rating: D.

Penkridge

Wolgarston Way, Penkridge **£165,000**

This three bedroom semi detached property with garage and off road parking in the beautiful market town; Penkridge. Briefly comprising of an entrance hall, lounge overlooking the rear garden, kitchen / diner, three bedrooms, family bathroom, both front and rear gardens. Energy rating: E.

Penkridge

Athelstan Close, Penkridge **£185,000**

A well presented semi detached family home located within the popular market town of Penkridge. The accommodation in brief comprises entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen/diner, utility room, conservatory and another reception room. On the first floor are three bedrooms and a shower room. The property benefits from gas central heating, Upvc double glazing, block paved driveway for multiple cars and an enclosed large rear garden. Energy Rating: D.

Penkridge

Broc Close, Penkridge **£184,500**

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market this four bedroom semi-detached property located in Penkridge which briefly comprises of entrance hall, downstairs shower room, lounge, dining area, sun room, L shaped kitchen, four bedrooms, bathroom and double glazing (where specified). Energy rating: C

BUNGALOW

Victoria Street, Cannock **£219,950**

Must be viewed to be appreciated. Connells are pleased to market this three bedroomed detached Bungalow comprising of Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, bathroom, Double Glazing and Central Heating where specified. Car Port, front and rear gardens. Energy rating: C.

Great Wyrley

Olde Hall Lane, Great Wyrley offers over £260,000

Well Presented 4 Bedroom Detached House ●●Internal Viewing Highly Recommended●● Comprising of: Reception Hall, Guest W.C., Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Refitted Kitchen/Diner, Utility Room, Master Bedroom with En-suite Shower Room, 3 Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Garage. Energy rating: D.

SHOAL HILL

Gorsey Lane, Shoal Hill **£320,000**

Exceptional and well appointed bespoke TWO BEDROOM detached house in one of Cannocks most sought after locations; SHOAL HILL walking distance to both Cannock Town Centre and CANNOCK CHASE.
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LUPIN DRIVE
HUNTINGTON

This modern second floor apartment is an ideal first time buy, In brief the accommodation comprises Communal Hallway, Hallway, Open plan Lounge/Kitchen, Two bedrooms and a Bathroom. Further benefiting from gas central heating. UPVC double glazed windows and allocated parking. Viewing recommended. EPC RATING - B

£40,000

ARCH STREET
RUGELEY

A traditional mid-terraced property benefiting from Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accommodation comprises of Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, Ground Floor Shower Room, Landing, Two Bedrooms and Courtyard to rear. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC RATING - E

£95,000

RUGELEY ROAD
ARMITAGE

A two bedroomed town house in village location,ideal for investment. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing,Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garden to rear. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC RATING -E

£99,995

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THE LAURELS
RUGELEY

A two Bedroomed End Terraced Bungalow in a sheltered housing complex. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Communal Parking and Communal Gardens. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC RATING - D

£115,000

WINDSOR CLOSE, RUGELEY

Modern town house offered with no upward chain. Gas Central Heating and UPVC double-glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Inner Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Kitchen. First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garden to front and rear. Two allocated parking spaces. EPC RATING - C

£124,995

OAKENHURST AVENUE, HAWKSYARD

A very well presented modern semi-detached property. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double-Glazing. Accommodation comprises Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Kitchen, Lounge with French Doors to rear garden. First Floor Landing, Two good size Bedrooms, Bathroom. Garden to front and rear. Allocated Parking. EPC RATING - C

£133,500

ARMITAGE ROAD
BRERETON

HELP TO BUY SCHEME IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT with a one bedroomed coach house being offered for sale with immediate occupation. Located within walking distance to the town centre. Call Diane for further information or assistance

£140,000

ARMITAGE ROAD, RUGELEY

A traditional detached property in walking distance to town centre location.UPVC Double Glazing and Gas Central Heating. Entrance Area,Lounge,Dining Room,Study Room/Bedroom Three,Inner Lobby,Breakfast Kitchen,Conservatory and Downstairs Shower Room.Landing,Two Bedrooms,Bathroom and Seperate W.C. Driveway to Garage and Gardens to front and rear. EPC RATING - D

£174,000

DURHAM DRIVE, RUGELEY

Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. A three bedroomed link detached family home in a popular location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC double-glazing. Entrance Hall, Downstairs W.C., Lounge, Dining Room, Reception/Study, Kitchen, Storage Room, Utility Room. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom. Garage and Off Road Parking. Gardens to Front and Rear. EPC RATING - D

£179,950

BRAMBLE WAY, ETCHINGHILL

A spacious three bedroomed link detached family home on a corner plot in a popular location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC double glazing. Breakfast Kitchen, Utility, Inner Hallway, Study, Dining Room, Conservatory, Lounge and Three Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Parking for Several Cars. Enclosed Garden to Rear. EPC RATING - D

£189,950

PRIORY AVENUE, HAWKSYARD

A four bedroomed detached family home situated on a popular modern housing development. Gas Central Heating and UPVC double-glazing. Entrance Porch, Lounge, Family Room, Breakfast Kitchen, WC. Landing, Master Bedroom with En-suite, Three Further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Double Garage and Off Road Parking. Gardens to Front and Rear. EPC Rating - C

£230,000

BRINDLEY BANK ROAD
RUGELEY

A three bedroomed detached bungalow positioned within a popular cul-de-sac position. UPVC double-glazing and Gas central heating. Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge/Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Rear Lean-To, Three Bedrooms, refitted Shower Room and separate WC. Driveway leading to SINGLE GARAGE. Enclosed garden to rear. NO UPWARD CHAIN

£249,950

THORN CLOSE, RUGELEY

A beautifully presented four bedroomed detached family home in a quiet cul-de-sac location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double-Glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory, Kitchen, Utility. First floor landing. Master Bedroom, En-suite, Three further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom. Garage and Off Road Parking . Garden to front and rear. EPC RATING - D

£235,000

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ANSON STREET
RUGELEY

●●●NEW PRICE●●●Offering potential for redevelopment is this traditional large three-storey detached property. Hall, Downstairs WC, Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Second Floor Landing with Two Attic Rooms. Driveway to front. Large garden to rear. Potential development plot off Market Street - further details available upon request EPC RATING - E

£245,000

FORTESCUE LANE, RUGELEY

Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN is this spacious detached three bedroomed bungalow in a sought after location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC double-glazing. Through Hallway, Lounge/Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen. Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Single Garage and Off Road Parking. Gardens to Front and Rear. EPC RATING - D

£250,000

BISHOPS GRANGE, RUGELEY

A four bedroomed detached family home in popular location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC double-glazing. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Study, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen,Utility, Conservatory. First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom, En-Suite, Three further Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Single Garage with Ample Parking, Large Garden to Rear. EPC RATING - D

£275,000

TALBOT STREET
RUGELEY

This traditional double-fronted detached family home must be viewed to truly appreciate the accommodation on offer. Entrance Hall, Downstairs WC, Lounge, Family Room, Fabulous Dining Kitchen, Four Bedrooms one with En-suite and Family Bathroom. There is a double detached garage with Pool Room and Bar Area above. Ample off road parking and large mature gardens. VIEWING IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. EPC RATING - D

£350,000

POST OFFICE LANE, SLITTING MILL

Located in an enviable location with views over Cannock Chase to the rear. This detached bungalow offers potential for further improvement. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Study, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Three Bedrooms one having an en-suite Shower Room plus further Bathroom. Large driveway providing parking for several vehicles. Garage. Large landscaped gardens to rear. EPC RATING - D

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ARCH STREET, RUGELEY

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NO PETS. NO SMOKERS. NO DSS EPC Rating C

£350 pcm

NEW

FOXGLOVE CLOSE
ETCHINGHILL

A three bedroomed semi-detached property with no UPWARD chain. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double-Glazing. Entrance Porch, Lounge, Kitchen. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom. Garden to Front and Rear. Off Road Parking for several vehicles. EPC RATING - E

£149,500

NEW

INGATHORPE ROAD, HAWKSYARD

A well presented modern three bedroom family home on a popular development. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Kitchen. First Floor Landing. Master with Ensuite, Two Further and Bathroom. Single Garage and Off Road Parking. Gardens to Front and Rear. EPC RATING - C

£167,500

NEW

THE LINDENS, RUGELEY

A very well presented three-storey property located in popular cul-de-sac position. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge and Fitted Kitchen. First Floor Landing with Two Bedrooms, additional Sitting Room/Bedroom Four and Bathroom. Second Floor Master Bedroom with Ensuite. Gardens to front and rear. Parking for two vehicles.

£173,995

NEW

QUEEN STREET
RUGELEY

A one bedroomed, ground floor flat ideally located for the town centre. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Shower Room and Bedroom. Communal Gardens, Allocated parking. Immediate Occupation
NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. NO DSS. EPC rating tbc
DEPOSIT £588

£425 pcm

CROSSLEY STONE, RUGELEY

●●●REDUCED●●●A development opportunity located within the town centre. Crossley Stone Cottage is a detached dwelling currently divided into two flats. The whole property requires modernisation and upgrade but offers potential for redevelopment (subject to planning). To the rear is a range of large outbuildings with an enclosed garden area. EPC rating E

£190,000

NEW

MAVESYN CLOSE, HILL RIDWARE

A spacious detached bungalow in this popular village location. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Garden Room, Three Bedrooms, Shower Room, Ample off-road parking leading to Single-Garage. Enclosed garden to rear. EPC RATING - D

£225,000

NEW

UPPER BROOK STREET, RUGELEY

A one bedroomed, second floor flat comprising of Entrance Hall, open plan Lounge/Kitchen with appliances. One Bedroom with built in wardrobes. Shower room. Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. VIEWING RECOMMENDED.
NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS.

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RUGELEY

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£235,000

NEW

ELIZABETHAN WAY, RUGELEY

Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN immaculate family home benefitting from a re-fitted guest cloakroom, bathroom and en-suite. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Breakfast Kitchen, Utility Room. First Floor Landing with Four Bedrooms, En-suite Shower Room and Family Bathroom. INTEGRAL GARAGE. Gardens to front and rear. EPC Rating - C

£227,000

NEW

HORSEFAIR
RUGELEY

Second floor property. Communal Entrance with security system. Accommodation comprises of Lounge, Kitchen with some appliances. Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Parking to rear. EPC Rating F
NO DSS. NO PETS. NO SMOKERS. EPC Rating F
DEPOSIT £588

£425 pcm

NEW PRICE

BEECHMERE RISE
ETCHINGHILL

●●●NEW PRICE●●●Viewing is highly recommended to fully appreciate the size and unique layout of the property. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. This spacious accommodation comprises of Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge/Diner, Spacious Kitchen, Separate Utility. Master Bedroom with En-Suite, Three Further Bedroom and Bathroom. Double Garage and Off Road Parking. Large Garden to Rear with Views. EPC rating C

£289,950

BOWER LANE, ETCHINGHILL

Classic Collection are pleased to offer this exceptionally spacious refurbished property. Gas Central Heating and Solar Thermal Hot Water Heating System. Large Through Reception Hall, Dining Room, Spacious Kitchen/Family Room, Lounge with French Doors to Rear Garden, Utility Room, Guest Cloakroom. First Floor Landing, Four Large Bedrooms, Two En-Suites, Re-fitted Large Family Bathroom. Converted Garage/Study. Large driveway with

£335,000

EATON DRIVE
RUGELEY

On the instruction of Atwell Martin Asset Management we are offering a modern first floor apartment, GCH/DG. Comprises Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen with some appliances. Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Security Entrance System. Allocated Parking. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating B
DEPOSIT £594

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NEW

ALBANY DRIVE
RUGELEY

Semi- detached property with canal views to rear. Accommodation comprises of Lounge, Kitchen, Two bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. Driveway parking. NO DSS. NO PETS. NO SMOKING. EPC Rating C
DEPOSIT £727

£525 pcm

NEW

CORNWALL COURT
RUGELEY

Spacious terraced property benefiting from Gas Central Heating. Accommodation comprises of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen with some appliances. Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and Rear. Garage and parking at rear.

NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating D

£520 pcm

NEW

WATSON CLOSE
RUGELEY

Modern well presented semi detached property. Comprising of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen. Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. Driveway Parking, VIEWING RECOMMENDED.

NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. NO DSS. EPC Rating C

£550 pcm

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- Reception hall
- Cloakroom with WC
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- L shaped lounge/ dining area
- Kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom with WC
- Built on garage and carport
- Gas central heating and predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating D (60)

£285,000 FREEHOLD

6 AMELIA COURT, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In much Sought After Recently Completed Development Conveniently Located For Facilities at Cannock Town Centre

- Reception hall and cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
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- Two double bedrooms
- Luxury bathroom
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- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- Intruder alarm,
- EPC rating B (82)

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MOST SPACIOUS IMPROVED INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED FIVE BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE OCCUPYING 1.74 ACRE LANDSCAPED GARDENS OFFERING ACCOMMODATION SET IN GREENBELT FARMLAND ENJOYING VIEWS TOWARDS CANNOCK CHASE AND CONVENIENT FOR ACCESS TO STAFFORD AND CANNOCK

- Central Reception Hall
- Cloakroom with WC
- Impressive Split Level Lounge
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- Dining Room
- Snug
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility Room
- Landing
- Five Bedrooms
- Two Refitted En-suite Shower Rooms
- Refitted Family Bathroom
- Integral Double Width Garage
- Store Room/Workshop
- Extensive Well Stocked Grounds
- Fully Double Glazed
- Gas Fired Central Heating
- EPC rating D (61)
- Inspection Highly Recommended
- Intruder Alarm

PRICE £795,000 : FREEHOLD

278 PYE GREEN ROAD, CANNOCK

EXTENDED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Position Convenient For Facilities

- Reception hall and cloakroom with WC
- Lounge/dining area
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Garage and gardens
- Predominantly double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- Intruder alarm
- EPC rating D (65)

£172,950 FREEHOLD

HIGHFIELD, 122 STREETS LANE, CHESLYN HAY

NO CHAIN

INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED TWO BEDROOMED DETGACHED BUNGALOW OCCUPYING GROUNDS WHICH EXTENDS TO APPROXIMATELY 0.98 OR AN ACRE Located In This Much Sought After South Staffordshire Village

- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Verandah and utility
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Detached garage
- Gardens and paddock to 0.98 of an acre
- Oil fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating F (37)

£350,000 FREEHOLD

31 BEECH TREE LANE, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

EXTENDED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW Located In Much Sought After Residential Area of the Town

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Shower room
- Built on garage
- Well stocked gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating E (48)

£235,000 FREEHOLD

KEEPERS, SANDY LANE, HATHERTON

INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED WELL APPOINTED FLEXIBLE 3/4 BEDROOMED DETACHED RESIDENCE WHICH HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED LOCATED IN VERY POPULAR RURAL POSITION ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF CANNOCK

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- Utility Room
- Bedroom Two
- Shower Room
- Galleried Landing
- Two First Floor Bedrooms
- Split Level Bathroom
- Integral Double Width Garage
- Well Stocked Grounds
- Gas Fired Central Heating
- Predominantly Double Glazed & Intruder Alarm
- EPC rating D (67)

Inspection Highly Recommended To Fully Appreciate This Quality Property

PRICE £456,950 : FREEHOLD

4 OAKDENE CLOSE, CHESLYN HAY

IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCELocated In Popular Cul-De-Sac In This Much Sought After South Staffordshire Village

- Three receptions rooms
- Refitted breakfast kitchen
- Utility room and cloakroom with WC
- Four bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Built-on garage and gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (68)

£375,000 FREEHOLD

PLOT 9 THE CROSSINGS, MILL STREET, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

WELL EQUIPPED NEWLY BUILT MID MEWS HOUSE BUILT TO A HIGH SPECIFICATION Conveniently Located In Private Drive For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Entrance hall and cloakroom with WC
- Lounge/dining area
- Fitted kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Off road parking
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating B (84)

£145,000 FREEHOLD

33 PENNINE DRIVE, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE OCCUPYING CORNER PLOT GARDENS In A Sought After Residential Area of The Town

- Reception hall
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom and separate toilet
- Built-on garage
- Well stocked landscaped gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- All windows double glazed
- EPC rating E (47)

£195,000 FREEHOLD

57 ST JOHNS ROAD, CANNOCK

NEW PRICE

WELL EQUIPPED IMPROVED INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE Conveniently Locate For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Reception hall
- Lounge and dining area
- Breakfast kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom and separate toilet
- Gas fired central heating
- Garage and well stocked gardens
- Predominantly double glazed
- Intruder alarm
- EPC rating E (47)

£184,995 FREEHOLD

40 OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED, IMPROVED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE WITH FLEXIBLE ACCOMMODATION INCLUDING SELF CONTAINED FLAT SUITABLE FOR EXTENDED FAMILY OCCUPYING MATURE WELL STOCKED GARDENS In Much Sought After Residential Area Adjoining Cannock Park To The Rear

- Two reception rooms
- Breakfast kitchen
- Games/hobby/play room
- Five bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Shower room
- Self contained flat (currently let on AST)
- Double integral garage
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- EPC rating D (66)

£645,000 FREEHOLD

FLAT 4 TEDDESLEY HOUSE,CLAY STREET, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT Conveniently Located For Facilities Of The Centre Of The Popular Market Village Of Penkridge

- Communal hall, stairs and landing
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom and en-suite shower room
- Allocated parking space
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (80)

£154,950

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- Five bedrooms
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- Oil fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating E (50)

£650,000 FREEHOLD

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- Lounge
- Refitted kitchen
- Four bedrooms
- Refitted cloaks/ shower room
- Refitted bathroom
- Off road parking
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating: D (66)

£269,950 FREEHOLD

28 BEECH TREE LANE, CANNOCK

THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area Of The Town

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Shower room and separate toilet
- Detached garage
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (59)

£130,000 FREEHOLD

FLAT 5, TEDDESLEY HOUSE, CLAY STREET, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT
Conveniently Located For Facilities Of The Centre Of The Popular Market Village Of Penkridge

- Communal hall, stairs and landing
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom and en-suite shower room
- Allocated parking space
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (80)

£154,950

87 GORSEY LANE, CANNOCK

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED AND EXTENDED INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED DETACHED DORMER STYLE FAMILY RESIDENCE OFFERING FLEXIBLE 4/5/6 BEDROOMED ACCOMMODATION located In Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town

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- 2/3/4 Reception rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen and utility room
- Four first floor bedrooms
- Family bathroom and ensuite
- Integral garage
- Gardens and in and out drive
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (62)

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- 4 double bedrooms
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- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (61)

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11 LANGDALE GREEN, CANNOCK

AN IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED MID MEWS HOUSE
Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Enclosed porch
- Lounge
- Refitted kitchen
- Predominantly double glazed
- Landing
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Gardens
- EPC rating D (54)

£123,495 FREEHOLD

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- Two reception rooms
- Dining kitchen
- Utility room and cloakroom
- Four bedrooms
- Ensuite bathroom and shower room
- Well stocked gardens
- Garage
- Gas fired central heating
- All windows double glazed
- EPC rating C (73)

£439,950 FREEHOLD

3 THE POPLARS, OFF EDWARD STREET, CANNOCK

SEMI DETACHED TWO BEDROOMED BUNGALOW Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac Within Reach of Facilities at Cannock and Hednesford Centre

- Side entrance hall
- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Off road parking
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating D (68)

£119,950 FREEHOLD

15 VIEWFIELD AVENUE, HEDNESFORD

TWO BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Double glazed conservatory
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Detached garage
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (64)

£145,000 FREEHOLD

9 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, WEDGES MILLS, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED EXTENDED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE ORIGINALLY BUILT IN THE POPULAR INTER WAR PERIOD In Popular Position With Greenbelt Farmland To Rear

- Enclosed porch and reception hall
- Lounge/dining area
- Breakfast kitchen
- Cloakroom/shower room
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens and built-on garage
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (55)

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3	DETACHED	3	£172,950	AVAILABLE	FREEHOLD

21 WOOD LANE, HEDNESFORD

TWO BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area With Extensive Panoramic Views To The Rear

- Reception hall and cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom and separate toilet
- Detached garage
- South facing terraced rear gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating E (42)

£129,950 FREEHOLD

9 WHITE BARK CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

REFITTED MID MEWS HOUSE OFFERING WELL EQUIPPED SPACIOUS ACCOMMODATION Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac

- Lounge
- Refitted dining kitchen
- Bedroom
- Refitted bathroom
- Gardens
- Off road parking
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- No chain
- EPC rating D (67)

£109,950 FREEHOLD

1 HOLLYOAK WAY, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT CONSTRUCTED IN 2002 Located In Much Sought After Cul-De-Sac Conveniently Located For Facilities at The Town Centre

- Communal hall with security phone system
- Lounge
- Fitted breakfast kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Off road parking
- Communal grounds
- Electric heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating E (49)

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13 SILVER FIR CLOSE, HEDNESFORD
EXTENDED WELL MAINTAINED TWO BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Cul-de-sac Adjoining Public Open Space
◆ Lounge ◆ Breakfast kitchen ◆ Double glazed conservatory ◆ Two bedrooms ◆ Bathroom ◆ Built-on garage ◆ Gas fired central heating ◆ Fully double glazed ◆ Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers ◆ EPC rating: D (68)
£595 pcm

2 MILL PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE
WELL EQUIPPED SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION
Situated On The Picturesque Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park
◆ Lounge ◆ Fitted dining kitchen ◆ Inner hall ◆ Two double bedrooms ◆ Family bathroom ◆ Oil fired central heating ◆ Fully double glazed ◆ Communal grounds and parking ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS allowed ◆ EPC rating: C (77)
£675 pcm

1 ARNOTDALE DRIVE, HEDNESFORD
TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW
Located In Popular Residential Area
◆ Lounge ◆ Refitted kitchen ◆ Two double bedrooms ◆ Bathroom ◆ Gas central heating ◆ Predominantly double glazed ◆ Gardens ◆ Detached garage ◆ Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers ◆ EPC rating: D (68)
£625 pcm

1 FOUNTAIN COURT, TEDDESLEY PARK, PENKRIDGE
SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION
Situated On The Picturesque Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park
◆ Fitted dining kitchen ◆ Lounge ◆ Inner hall ◆ Two double bedrooms ◆ Family bathroom ◆ Oil fired central heating ◆ Fully double glazed ◆ Communal landscaped gardens ◆ Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers ◆ EPC rating: C (69)
£595 pcm

70 ST JOHNS ROAD, CANNOCK
WELL PRESENTED TWO BEDROOMMID MEWS HOUSEConvenient For Facilities At The Town Centre
◆ Lounge ◆ Dining room ◆ Kitchen ◆ Utility room ◆ Two double bedrooms ◆ Family bathroom ◆ Fully double glazed ◆ Gas central heating ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS ◆ EPC rating: D (58)
£575 pcm

66 BROWNHILLS ROAD, NORTON CANES
THREE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSEConvenient For Local Facilities
◆ Lounge ◆ Cloakroom with WC ◆ Dining kitchen ◆ Three bedrooms ◆ Bathroom ◆ Gas central heating ◆ Fully double glazed ◆ Off road parking & garage to rear ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS ◆ EPC rating: D (68)
£625 pcm

NURSERY COTTAGE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE
CHARACTERFUL FOUR BEDROOM COTTAGE
Situated On The Picturesque Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park
◆ Cloakroom with WC ◆ Lounge & sitting room ◆ Dining kitchen ◆ Four bedrooms ◆ En-suite shower room ◆ Family bathroom ◆ Oil fired central heating ◆ Fully double glazed ◆ Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS ◆ EPC rating: D (68)
£1000 pcm

34 CHESTNUT DRIVE, GREAT WYRLEY
EXTENSIVELY REFURBISHED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area
◆ Lounge ◆ Dining kitchen ◆ Cloaksroom with WC ◆ UPVC double glazed conservatory ◆ Three bedrooms ◆ Bathroom ◆ Gas central heating ◆ Fully double glazed ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS ◆ EPC rating: E (46)
£695 pcm

1A HOLDEN CRESCENT, COALPOOL, WALSALL
ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT
◆ Hall ◆ Lounge ◆ Kitchen ◆ Bedroom ◆ Bathroom ◆ Economy 7 Heating ◆ Double glazed ◆ DSS considered ◆ Sorry no smokers or pets ◆ EPC rating: D (59)
£390 pcm

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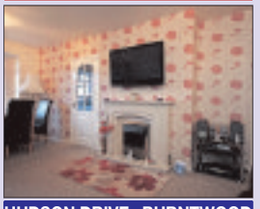

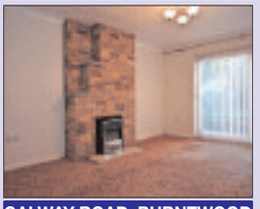

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HUDSON DRIVE,, BURNTWOOD

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£184,950

GALWAY ROAD, BURNTWOOD

◆ Extended Freehold Link Detached Bungalow ◆ Three Bedrooms ◆ Lounge ◆ Fitted kitchen with appliances ◆ Shower room ◆ Sealed unit Double Glazing ◆ Gas Radiator Central Heating ◆ Garage ◆ Brick Paved Drive providing parking for several cars ◆ Garage ◆ Enclosed Rear Garden ◆ EPC:D62

£164,950

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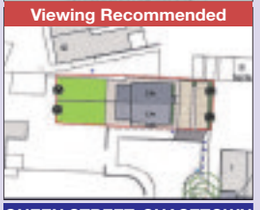

HUNTSMANS GATE, BURNTWOOD

◆ Modern Freehold Detached Family Home Situated On The Popular Hunslet Development ◆ Four Bedrooms, En-Suite To Master Bedroom ◆ Lounge ◆ Separate Dining Room ◆ Double Glazed Conservatory ◆ Study ◆ Fitted Kitchen With Appliances ◆ Utility Room ◆ Guest Cloakroom ◆ Bathroom ◆ Sealed Unit Double Glazing To Most Windows ◆ Gas Radiator Central Heating ◆ Landscaped Rear Garden ◆ Driveway Parking

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BAKER STREET, CHASETOWN

◆ Brand New Semi Detached Bungalow ◆ One Double Bedroom ◆ Lounge ◆ Fitted Kitchen with Appliances ◆ bath Room ◆ Sealed Unit Double Glazing ◆ Gas Radiator Central Heating ◆ Enclosed Rear Garden ◆ Driveway parking ◆ Freehold ◆ Predicted EPC:Awaited

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NO CHAIN

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- Well presented and spacious semi detached home
- Good location and offered with No Chain
- Hallway, lounge/ diner, kitchen with utility and guest wc
- Three good size bedrooms, modern bathroom
- Gardens, garage and driveway

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Bow Street, Rugeley

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- Charming and quirky end terraced property
- Close to town and an ideal FTB/ Investement purchase
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- Large bathroom, outside yard to rear
- No Chain, superb value

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Bower Lane Cottages, Rugeley

- Lovely traditional semi detached property
- Open fields and views surrounding, good size plot
- Hallway, lounge, breakfast kitchen, dining room
- Conservatory, three good size bedrooms, bathroom
- Gardens to three sides and plentiful off road parking

£299,950 Guide Price

NEW PRICE

Stag Close, Etching Hill

- Spacious three bedroom link detached house
- Popular location with green area to front
- Hallway, two reception rooms, kitchen, conservatory
- Three good size bedrooms and family bathroom
- Garage, driveway and priavte gardens

£184,950 Guide Price

The Beeches, Rugeley

MUST BE VIEWED

- Spacious three bedroom terraced property
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- Hallway, extended large lounge/ diner, kitchen
- Three good size bedrooms, refitted bathroom
- Garage and gardens with driveway

£124,950

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Pool Meadow Close, Rugeley

- Well presented detached family home
- Popular location with fields to rear
- Four good size bedrooms, two reception rooms
- Two bathrooms, kitchen and conservatory
- Beautiful gardens, viewing essential

£265,000

EXECUTIVE

Bower Lane, Rugeley

- Large executive detached family home
- Open aspect to front with private gardens
- Four double bedrooms, three bathrooms
- Two reception rooms, conservatory and breakfast kitchen
- Garage, driveway, viewing essential

£349,950 Guide Price

The Laurels, Brereton

NO CHAIN

- Two bedroom retirement bungalow
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St Thomas Way, Hawksyard

- Well presented one bedroom first floor apartment
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- Communal hallway, lounge, breakfast kitchen
- Good size master bedroom and modern bathroom
- Two allocated parking spaces, must be viewed

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Winstanley Place, Rugeley

- Well presented three bedroom mid terraced property
- Ideal FTB/ Investment purchase that must be viewed
- Hallway, kitchen, lounge, conservatory
- Three good size bedrooms, refitted bathroom
- Gardens and parking to rear

£104,950

The Oaklands, Etching Hill

- Detached family home in sought after location
- Extended and well presented accomodation
- Hallway, two reception rooms, large conservatory
- Kitchen with utility room, three bedrooms, shower room
- Front and rear gardens with garage and driveway

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Pear Tree Court, Rugeley

- Spacious three storey property in good location
- Four good size bedrooms and three bathrooms
- Hallway, lounge, dining room, breakfast kitchen
- Utility room, front and rear gardens with garage
- Viewing essential of this spacious property

£195,000 Guide Price

Hednesford Road, Rugeley

- Stunning extended traditional semi detached home
- Four good size bedrooms, main bathroom and guest wc
- Hallway, two reception rooms, refitted kitchen
- Large conservatory and study room
- Front and rear gardens with plentiful parking

£249,950

Lockside View, Rugeley

- Spacious detached home in popular location
- Hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen
- Guest WC, utility room, garage
- Large conservatory, three good size bedrooms
- Two bathrooms, gardens, NO CHAIN

£179,950

Waverley Gardens, Etching Hill

- Spacious four bedroom detached property
- Large corner plot with private gardens
- Hallway, lounge, dining room, refitted kitchen
- Four spacious bedrooms, large bathroom and shower room
- Driveway and large gardens, must be viewed

£249,950 Guide Price

The Lindens, Rugeley

- Spacious three storey end terraced property
- Hallway, kitchen/ diner, lounge, guest wc
- Three good size bedrooms, two bathrooms
- Garage and driveway with gardens
- No Chain, viewing essential

£159,950

Lichfield Street, Rugeley

- Charming traditional terraced home
- Well proportioned rooms and period features
- Close to town centre and lovely private gardens
- Three good size bedrooms and two large reception rooms
- Kitchen and conservatory, must be viewed

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- Wickets View is stylish and modern internally
- Large reception space with outstanding open plan kitchen,
- Four bedrooms, three contemporary bathrooms, large conservatory

Laburnum House, Rugeley **£419,950 Guide Price**

- Executive self build detached home
- Flexible family sized home, five bedrooms
- Three bathrooms, large contemporary kitchen
- Open views to fore, gardens, garage, extensive driveway
- Part exchange considered, must be viewed

Little Hay Manor, Colton **£399,950**

- Stunning barn conversion in village location
- Stylish and high end finish and fitments throughout
- Open plan living with kitchen, three bedrooms, three bathrooms
- Gardens to rear with allocated parking
- No Chain and viewing essential

Lea Lane Cottage, Adamaston **£399,950**

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It has an entrance hall with stairs off to the first floor, a lounge with a living flame gas fire, a fitted kitchen with a gas hob with extractor over, built-in oven, a dining room, conservatory, three bedrooms and a re-fitted bathroom, off-road parking and front and rear gardens.

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A well presented 2 bedroom semi-detached property, GCH, DG, Hallway, Lounge, Guest W.C, Open plan fitted Kitchen, Utility, Bathroom, Conservatory, rear garden,Parking

£130,000

SOLD

Norton Canes

Norton East Road

A Well Presented Three Bedroom Semi-Detached Property With Conservatory & No Upward Chain, GCH, DG, Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Utility, Bathroom, Garage, Rear Garden, Off Road Parking

£154,950

SOLD

Norton Canes

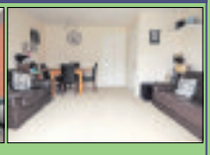
Poplar Street

- A 3 bedroom, 3 storey modern detached family home offered with no onward chain. GCH, DG, hall, lounge, conservatory, guest W.C, bathroom, garden and parking.

£139,995

NEW PRICE

Walsall



Water Reed Grove

- A modern two double bedroom town house. GCH, DG, hall, guest W.C, kitchen, lounge/diner, two double bedrooms, bathroom, enclosed rear garden, allocated parking.

£125,000

FIVE BEDS

Brownhills

Hednesford Road

A well presented five bedroom detached family home, GCH, DG, Hallway, Lounge, Dining room, Kitchen, Utility, Downstairs W.C, Five bedrooms, Master with En-suite, Bathroom, Conservatory, Garage

£235,000

FIVE BEDS

Hednesford

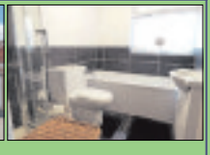
Cannock Road

- A spacious five bedroom detached family home. GCH, DG, hall, lounge, d/room. kitchen, utility, d/stairs bedroom with en-suite, guest W.C, four bedrooms, bathroom, en-suite, rear garden and parking.

£245,000

DETACHED

Chase Terrace



Spencer Drive

A much improved 4double bedroom detached family home. New GCH, DG, hallway, lounge, kitchen/diner, 4 bedrooms, family bathroom, garage, ample parking and an enclosed rear garden. Ideal family home. Offers over £240,000.

£240,000

Chase Terrace

Bridge Cross Road

- A tradition four bedroom detached family home. GCH, DG, Hallway, Guest W.C, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, four bedrooms, bathroom, conservatory, garage and parking.

£239,995

REDUCED

Chase Terrace

Ironstone Road

- A Well Presented Two Double Bedroom Detached Bungalow With No Onward Chain, GCH, DG, Entrance Hall, Breakfast Kitchen, Spacious Lounge, Sitting/Dining Room, En-Suite, Re-Fitted Bathroom, Superb Sized Rear Garden.

199,950

NEW

Rushall

Station Road

- A three bedroom terraced property. GCH, DG, lounge/dining room, kitchen, bathroom, three bedrooms, new carpets, new boiler, rear garden, no pets/smokers or DSS.

£575 PCM

NEW

Norton Canes

Brownhills Road

A Re-Furbished 3 Bedroom Mid-Town House, GCH, DG, Hall, Lounge, Newly Fitted Kitchen, Re-Fitted Bathroom/ Seperate W.C, Rear Garden, Off Road Parking, Sorry No Pets, Smokers Or Dhss

£650PCM

NEW

Cannock

Old Hednesford Road

- A re-furbished four bedroom detached family home. GCH, DG, hallway, lounge, re-fitted kitchen & bathroom, dining room, detached garage, rear garden, ample parking, no dss, pets / smokers.

£825 PCM

THREE BEDS

Burntwood

Manor Rise

- A Well Presented Three Bedroom End Town House, GCH, DG, Fitted Kitchen, Lounge/Dining Room, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Rear Garden, Garage, Off Road Parking

£650 PCM

NEW

Chase Terrace

Fernleigh Avenue

A well presented two bedroom 1st floor flat, GCH, DG, Entrance hallway, Fitted kitchen, Lounge/Diner, Family bathroom, Rear garden

£475 PCM

NEW

Burntwood

Cottage Lane

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Offers in the Region Of £320,000

Rugeley Road
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Three bedroom detached bungalow / Inner hallway / Integral garage / Block drive for several vehicles / Front & rear gardens / EPC: D

Offers in Excess of £290,000

Berwyn Grove
CHESLYN HAY

Deceptively Two Bedroom Detached Bungalow / Well Appointed Bathroom Suite / Double Bedrooms / Large Rear Garden With Gazebo And Hot Tub / Spacious Reception Rooms

£290,000

Colliers Way
HUNTINGTON

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Trentham Close
HEATH HAYES

Five Bedroom Detached Family Home / Spacious Living & Sleeping Accommodation / Victorian Conservatory / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Situated At End Of Quiet Cul-De-Sac

£250,000

Richardson Way
RUGELEY

Four Bedroom Detached House / Spacious Reception Rooms & Bedrooms / Open Plan Dining Kitchen / Good Sized Private Rear Garden Not Overlooked / Two En-Suites Plus Family Bathroom &

£245,000

Brownhills Road
NORTON CANES

Four bedroom detached house / Situated on corner plot / En-suite to master / Detached single garage / Tarmac drive for two vehicles / EPC: C

Offers in Excess of £230,000

Watermint Close
WIMBLEBURY

Four Bedroom Detached House / Quiet Cul-De-Sac Overlooking Large Pond / Spacious Living & Sleeping Accommodation / Modern Kitchen With Breakfast Room / Driveway With Ample Parking

£230,000

Purcell Close
HEATH HAYES

Four Bedroom Semi Detached House / Unique Design / Four Large Double Bedrooms / Integral Tandem Garage / Modern Open Plan Dining Kitchen / Spacious Lounge

Offers in Excess of £210,000

Grouse Way
HEATH HAYES

Three bedroom detached house / Within sought after modern development / Modern fitted kitchen & bathroom / Private rear garden with decking area / Parking for up to three vehicles

£200,000

Chadsfield Road
RUGELEY

Spacious detached property / Generous living & sleeping accommodation / Set on larger plot with good sized rear garden / Parking for several vehicles / Ideal for investors looking to add value

£200,000

Bellamour Way
RUGELEY

Two Bedroom Semi Detached Cottage / Tastefully Decorated & Renovated To A Good Standard Throughout / Spacious Living & Sleeping Accommodation / NO ONWARD CHAIN

£200,000

Bank Street
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Three Bedroom Detached House / Character Property Over 200 Years Old / Spacious Living & Sleeping Accommodation / Large Well Maintained & Attractive Rear Garden

£190,000

Rowan Close
HUNTINGTON

Three Bedroom Detached House / Private Cul-De-Sac / Detached Garage / Quiet Green Area To Front / Quiet Green Area To Front / Spacious Living & Sleeping Accommodation /

Offers in Excess of £185,000

Somerset Avenue
RUGELEY

Three Bedroom Detached House / Substantial Plot With Large Rear Garden / Spacious Living & Sleeping Accommodation / Extended Breakfast Kitchen / Family Bathroom Plus Useful Downstairs Shower

£184,950

Moreton Street
CHADSMOOR

Extended Three Bedroom Detached House / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Potential Building Plot Subject To Planning / Integral Tandem Garage / Large Private Rear Garden

£180,000

Longford Road
CANNOCK

Three Bedroom Detached House / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Spacious Living & Sleeping Accommodation / Private Rear Garden / Driveway & Carport With Parking For Several Vehicles

Offers in Excess of £180,000

Partridge Close
HEATH HAYES

Three bedroom detached house / Set over three floors within sought after modern development / South facing private rear garden with decking area / Parking for two vehicles plus garage

£170,000

Cannock Road
HEATH HAYES

Three bedroom semi detached house / Complete rewiring in last five years / Good sized long drive to front / Plenty of off-road parking / Adjoining garage / Front & rear gardens

£160,000

Cannock Road
HEATH HAYES

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Offers in Excess of £160,000

Barn Way
WIMBLEBURY

Three Bedroom Mid Terraced House / Spacious Lounge / Three Double Bedrooms / Modern Fitted Breakfast Kitchen & Bathroom / Private Secluded Rear Garden

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Lyndhurst Road
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Stratford Way
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Extended two bedroom semi detached house / Situated in quiet location / Spacious lounge diner / Tandem length garage / Private low maintenance rear garden / Driveway with ample parking

£130,000

Anglesey Street
HEDNESFORD

Two Bedroom End Terraced House / Stunning Communal Gardens / Exclusive Private Mews Development / Spacious Living & Sleeping Accommodation / Modern Kitchen & Bathroom

£130,000

Beech Grove
HUNTINGTON

Three Bedroom Semi-Detached House / Quiet Cul-de-sac Location / Spacious L Shaped Open Plan Lounge-Diner / Good Sized Private Garden / Modern Kitchen With Utility Area

£130,000

Pye Green Road
CANNOCK

Three Bedroom Semi Detached House / Spacious Lounge / Open Plan Kitchen-Diner / Good Sized Private Rear Garden / Modern Fitted Bathroom / Good Sized Private Rear Garden

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Offers in Excess of £125,000

Heath Gap Road
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Extended Two Bedroom Semi Detached House / Stunning Open Plan Breakfast Kitchen / Spacious Reception Rooms / Modern Fitted Bathroom / Large Private Rear Garden 120 Ft Long

Offers in Excess of £120,000

Cherry Tree Road
NORTON CANES

Three bedroom semi detached house / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Open plan lounge-diner / Good sized well maintained private rear garden / Driveway providing off road parking

Offers in Excess of £120,000

Hollingworth Mews
CANNOCK

Two bedroom terraced house / Sought after modern development / Modern finish throughout with quality fitted kitchen / Open plan lounge diner / Private rear garden

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Heath Street
HEDNESFORD

Traditional Two Bedroom End Terraced House / Modern L Shaped Kitchen With Utility Area / Spacious Reception Rooms & Bedrooms / Good Sized Private Garden

£110,000

Sandpiper Close
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Two Bedroom Mid Terraced House / Quiet Cul-De-Sac / Spacious Lounge / Freshly Decorated Throughout / Modern Kitchen-Diner / Off Road Parking / Private Rear Garden

£110,000

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Guide Price £90,000

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Offers in Excess of £80,000

Sandpiper Close
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One Bedroom Ground Floor Maisonette / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Quiet Cul-De-Sac / Double Bedroom / Modern Fitted Kitchen / Allocated Parking /

£80,000

Wimblebury Road
HEATH HAYES

Three Bedroom End Terrace House / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Semi Rural Location / For Sale By Modern Method Of Auction / Spacious Living & Sleeping Accommodation

Auction Guide Price £80,000

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HEDNESFORD

One bedroom ground floor maisonette / Ideal for first time buyers & investors / Modern kitchen & bathroom / Good size lounge-diner & double bedroom

£78,000

Brunswick Road
CHADSMOOR

One Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment / Open Plan Lounge-Diner / Private Rear Garden / Spacious Double Bedroom

Offers in Excess of £70,000

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One bedroom first floor apartment / Ideal for first time buyers & investors / Spacious lounger diner / Modern kitchen & double bedroom / Allocated parking

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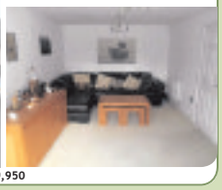


£249,950

Cannock Road,Heath Hayes
- Periodic Character Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- L Shaped Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- En-suite

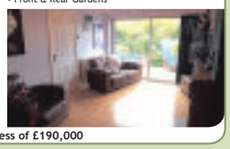
£230,000

St. Johns Road,Cannock
- Extended Detached
- Four Bedroom
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen-Diner
- Family Bathroom

Offers in Excess of £220,000

REDUCED

Cowley Green,Hednesford
- Extended Dorma Bungalow
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Off Road Parking & Garage
- Front & Rear Gardens



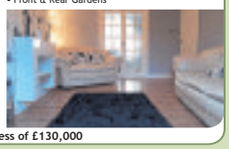
Offers in Excess of £190,000

Walsall Road,Bridgtown
- Traditional Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom

£185,000

NEW

Moore Street,Hednesford
- Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Front & Rear Gardens



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Cleeton Street,Heath Hayes
- Traditional Mid Terrace
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Through Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating

£110,000

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Woodland Court,Cannock
- Modern 2nd Floor Apartment
- Two Double Bedrooms
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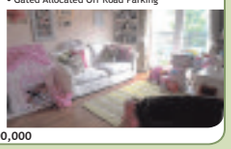
- Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Intercom Entry System
- Gated Allocated Off Road Parking



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- CONSERVATORY
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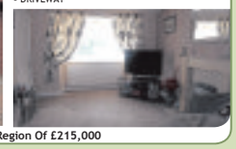
- DETACHED FAMILY HOME
- MUCH IMPROVED THROUGHOUT
- FOUR GOOD BEDROOMS
- EN-SUITE AND FAMILY BATHROOM
- LOUNGE, SITTING ROOM/BED 5
- KITCHEN/DINER
- FULL WIDTH CONSERVATORY
- DRIVEWAY



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- DG, Off Road Parking
- EPC Pending
- NO DSS/Pets

£475 pcm

HEATH WAY, HEATH HAYES

- 2 Bed town house
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS OR PETS

£520 pcm

MOUNT STREET, HEDNESFORD

- 2 Bed Flat
- Lounge
- kitchen with appliances
- Shower Room
- Elec Heating / DG
- Allocated Parking
- Energy Rating C
- No DSS/Pets.

£550 pcm

BURNTWOOD ROAD, NORTON CANES

- 2 Bed Semi
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Dining Room
- GCH/DG
- Rear garden
- One parking space
- Energy Rating E
- No DSS/Pets

£550 pcm

FOXES RAKE, CANNOCK

- 2 Bed Mid Terrace
- Lounge/Kitchen
- GCH & DG
- Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating C
- No DSS / Pets

£560 pcm

PRIMROSE MEADOW, HEATH HAYES

preliminary announcement

- 2 Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Re-Fitted bathroom
- Elec Heating, D/G
- Allocated Parking
- Energy Rating E
- No DSS/ Pets

£595 pcm

FOXES RAKE, CANNOCK

- 2 Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- GCH/DG
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS/Pets.

£600 pcm

SILVER FIR, HEDNESFORD

- 2 Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Newly fitted Kitchen
- Conservatory
- GCH/DG
- Rear Garden
- Energy Rating D
- No DSS/Pets.

£625 pcm

GROUSE WAY, HEATH HAYES

- 3 Bed 3 Storey
- Kitchen Diner
- Lounge, Guest WC
- En Suite & Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Gardens & Driveway
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS OR PETS

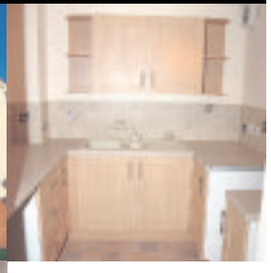
£750 pcm

ALLPORT ROAD, CANNOCK

- 3 Bed Semi
- 2 receptions
- Kitchen
- Guest WC
- GCH/DG
- Off Road Parking
- EPC Pending
- No DSS/Pets.

£750 pcm

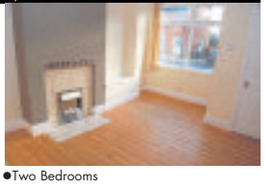
APPLE WALK, HEATH HAYES



- An Extremely Well Presented Ground Floor Apartment
- Re-Decorated & Newly Carpeted Throughout
- Lounge-Diner, Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Re-Fitted Shower Room
- Two Bedrooms
- Allocated Parking
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- MUST BE VIEWED

£85,000

CEMETERY ROAD, CANNOCK



- A Well Presented Mid Terraced House
- Entrance Porch
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom
- Two Bedrooms
- Parking to Rear, Rear Gardens
- NO CHAIN

£97,500

STATION STREET, CHESLYN HAY

LANDLORDS ONLY

- SOLD WITH SITTING TENANT
- CURRENTAL INCOME £475pcm
- Re-Furbished Ground Floor Flat
- Lounge & Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms & Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Private Parking Area At Rear

£99,950 No Chain

BELT ROAD, HEDNESFORD

- Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Spacious Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen-Diner
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Fitted Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Driveway

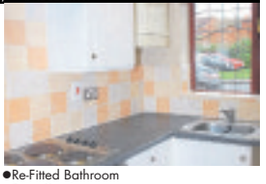
£118,000

BADGERS COURT, HEATH HAYES

- A Well Presented First Floor Apartment
- Entrance Hall
- Lounge Diner
- Modern Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Allocated Parking
- Ideal FTB or BTL

£110,000 No Chain

NELSON DRIVE, WIMBLEBURY



- A Well Presented Mid Terraced House
- Entrance Hall
- Lounge, Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Driveway

£120,000 No Chain

ALBERT STREET, CANNOCK

- An Improved Traditional Detached House
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Three Bedrooms
- GCH/DG
- Good Size Rear Garden

£130,000 No Chain

WINDRUSH ROAD, CANNOCK

- Well Presented Semi Det House
- Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen-Dining Area
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Block Paved Driveway
- Viewing Essential To Appreciate

£135,000

ELIZABETH ROAD, CANNOCK

- A Modern & Spacious Detached House
- Entrance Hall, Guest WC
- Lounge Diner, Breakfast Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Parking to Rear

£142,500

WALSALL ROAD, CANNOCK

- Well Presented & Spacious Semi
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Utility & WC
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Well Presented Gardens
- Driveway

£155,000

ESKRETT STREET, HEDNESFORD

SIMILAR PROPERTIES REQUIRED

- Detached Bungalow
- Family Lounge
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage, Gardens & Driveway
- Viewing Essential To Appreciate
- No Chain

OIEO £190,000

BROWNHILLS ROAD, NORTON CANES

SIMILAR PROPERTIES REQUIRED

- Extended & Much Improved
- Hallway & Guest WC
- Lounge, Dining Room & Sitting Room
- Extended & Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Four Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Family Bathroom
- Gardens, Driveway & Garage
- Ample Off Road Parking

£184,950

HEDNESFORD STREET, CANNOCK

- Detached Family Home
- Lounge/Sitting Room/ Dining Room
- Large Conservatory
- Kitchen & Utility Room
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Three 1st Floor Bedrooms
- Bathroom/Shower Room
- Driveway & Garage

£204,950 No Chain

CHURCH ROAD, NORTON CANES

- Well Presented Detached Family Home
- Family Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Well Stocked Rear Garden With Open Views
- Driveway & Garage

£225,000

WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CHESLYN HAY

- An Impressive Detached Bungalow
- Entrance Hall
- Open Plan Kitchen & Lounge Area
- Utility Room & Guest WC
- Impressive Bathroom
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Garage, Driveway & Gardens

£274,995 No Chain

GORSEY LANE, CANNOCK

- Individually Designed Bungalow
- Family Lounge
- Conservatory & Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen & Utility
- Shower Room/Guest WC
- Family Room/Games Room
- Two Bedrooms 1 En-suite
- Gardens, Driveway & Garage

£320,000

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£750,000

NO CHAIN

Olde Hall Lane, Great Wyrley

- Executive Detached Home
- Four Good Size Bedrooms
- Refurbished Kitchen & Utility
- Large Conservatory
- Detached Double Garage
- En-suite & Bathroom
- Corner Plot
- No Upward Chain

Offers Over £340,000

Gloucester Way, Heath Hayes

- Extended Detached Home
- Comprehensively Improved
- Stunning Open Plan Kitchen
- Five Bedrooms
- 2 En-Suites
- Corner Plot with Open Aspect
- EPC - D
- Viewing Essential

£332,950

Stafford Street, Heath Hayes

- Mixed Commercial/Residential
- Office/Workshops
- Previous Planning Permission
- Detached Three Bed Property
- Occupying Generous Plot
- EPC tbc Convenient Location

£295,000

Strathmore Place, Cannock

- Exquisite Detached Bungalow
- Desirable Location
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Stunning Dining Kitchen
- Comprehensively Improved
- Call Now For A Viewing
- Spacious Accomadation
- No Chain

£300,000

NEW PRICE

Bideford Way, Cannock

- Stunning Family Home
- Five Large Bedrooms
- Immaculate Kitchen
- Ensuite & Bathroom
- Large L-Shape Garden
- Popular Residential Area
- Must Be Viewed

£300,000

NEW

Newlands Lane, Heath Hayes

- Charming Family Residence
- Superb Dining Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Ensuite & Bathroom
- Detached Garage, Landscaped Garden
- Quiet Popular Location

£255,000

Dartmouth Avenue, Cannock

- Idyllic Family Home
- Charming Accommodation
- Stunning Kitchen & Bathroom
- Three Bedrooms
- Gardens, Drive & Garage
- (EPC - D)
- Close To Town Centre
- Corner Plot

£269,950

The Old Surgery, Bideford Way, Cannock

- ●●● OPEN DAY ●●●
- Saturday 21st November
- 12pm - 2pm ●●●
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom & Ensuite
- Living/Dining Room

£295,000

Belt Road, Hednesford

- Family Sized Bungalow
- Superb Accommodation
- Substantial Plot
- Three Bedrooms
- Potential for Development
- Driveway, Garage & Gardens
- EPC - D
- Must Be Viewed

£215,000

Short Street, Cannock

- Delightful Detached Home
- Extended and Improved
- Four Bedrooms,
- Standing On Corner Plot
- Gas C/H & Double Glazing
- Detached Double Garage
- EPC - Tbc Viewing Essential

£227,950

Wattfield Close, Rugeley

- Exquisite Family Residence
- Stunning Accommodation
- Living Dining Kitchen
- EPC - C Competitively Priced
- Four Bedrooms
- Landscaped Garden

£209,950

NO CHAIN

Longford Road, Cannock

- Traditional Detached Home
- Sought After Location
- Massive Potential
- No Chain
- Three Bedrooms
- Driveway, Carport & Gardens
- EPC - G. Viewing Essential

Offers Over £180,000

Valley Road, Bloxwich

- Development Opportunity
- Proposed Scheme
- Eight Apartments / Similar
- Convenient Residential Area
- Demolition Complete
- Approximately 0.5 Acres

£175,000

Blackthorn Crescent, Hazelslade

- Two Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Large Lounge
- Conservatory
- Detached Garage

£169,950

NEW

Tudor Road, Hednesford

- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Delightful Accommodation
- Comprehensively Refurbished
- Two Bedrooms - No Chain
- Garage, Landscaped Garden
- EPC - D Viewing Essential

£164,950

Butts Way, Norton Canes

- Semi Detached Home
- Popular Location
- Impressive Accommodation
- Three Bedrooms
- Attractive Gardens & Garage
- EPC - D. No Chain

Offers Over £130,000

Ascot Drive, Cannock

- Two Bedroom Semi
- Modern Kitchen & Bathroom
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Brick Built Stores
- Block Paved Drive
- Enclosed Rear Garden

£129,950

NEW PRICE

Chalfont Avenue, Cannock

- Three bedroom Town House
- Generously proportioned
- Driveway, garage & garden.
- Convenient Location.
- Existing tenant in Residence.
- Ideal Buy To Let

£125,000

NO CHAIN

Wolverhampton Road, Cannock

- Buy To Let Investment
- Tenant In Situ - 5.3% Yield
- Town Centre Location
- Traditional Three Bed Semi
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Cellar, Refitted Kitchen

£120,000

NEW

Clift Close, Willenhall

- Three Bedrooms
- Waterside Frontage
- Kitchen/Diner & Lounge
- Downstairs WC
- No Chain involved

£115,000

NO CHAIN

Pye Green Road, Cannock

- Charming Period Town House
- Generous Accommodation
- Modern & Period Features
- Two Bedrooms & Garage
- Popular Town Location
- No Upward Chain

£114,950

Chetwynd Gardens, Cannock

- Luxury First Floor Apartment
- 999 Lease Resident Managed
- Improved Accommodation Two Double Bedrooms
- Under Floor Heating
- EPC - tbc Garage & No Chain

£105,000

Helens Court, Hednesford Town Centre

- First Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
- Close To Hednesford Railway
- Tenant In Situ
- Ideal Buy To Let Purchase

£97,500

Violet Close, Cannock

- Luxury Ground Floor Apart.
- 50% Shared Ownership
- Two Generous Bedrooms
- Two Parking Spaces
- Gas C/H & Delightful Aspect
- EPC - B No Chain.

£48,995

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Family are winners with Keepmoat

Keepmoat's Melanie Rhodes, left, with Emma, Peter and son Ben

WHEN Emma McDonnell and her partner Peter Fereday entered a competition to win an Ipad Air and tickets for West Midland Safari Park to treat their son, little did they think it would lead to making one of the biggest purchase decisions of their lives.

The couple, who are renting in Wimblebury with three-year-old Ben, entered the competition run by housebuilder Keepmoat when they went to look for a new home in Cannock.

Their names were pulled out of the hat first, resulting in them winning the Apple tablet and a year's family pass to the popular attraction. They collected their prizes from the team at Keepmoat's Briars Walk development in Chadsmoor, and were so impressed with the homes being built they reserved a new family home too.

Emma, who works for an accounting firm in Hednesford, said: "We decided it would be an ideal place to put down permanent roots as first-time buyers." House-hunters can now visit the sales centre and new Primrose show home at Briars Walk.

Village setting for modern apartment

THIS modern apartment in Castlemill Close, Weston, near Stafford is for sale through Goodchilds at offers in excess of £125,000 with no chain.

Having allocated parking and double glazing, it features an entrance hall, a shower room with a modern white suite and a spacious bedroom with double wardrobes.

There is a good sized lounge/diner with a bay window, a kitchen with a range of modern units, an integrated fridge/freezer, washer/dryer and electric oven with four-ring gas hobs with extractor and tiled flooring and low maintenance gardens.

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- Lounge and kitchen/diner
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Garden front side and rear
- Double garage
- Planning permission for 2 storey extension
- Awaiting EPC rating

£134,950

HEATH HAYES
HILL STREET

- A three bedroom semi detached house
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge
- Kitchen/diner
- Bathroom
- Guest WC
- Off road parking
- EPC rating E

£115,000

HEDNESFORD
BOND WAY

- Two bedroom semi-detached
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Modern fitted bathroom
- Lounge with fire
- Master bedroom with wardrobes
- Driveway Cul-de-sac location
- Central heating, Double glazed
- EPC rating E
- NO CHAIN

129,995

GREAT WYRLEY
AJAX CLOSE

- A two bedroom extended terraced property
- Gas central heating and doubel glazing
- Lounge, refitted kitchen
- Dining room
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Rear garden, block paved area to front
- Viewing highly recommended
- EPC rating C

£114,995

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CONISTON WAY

- Fully reburbished Bungalow
- Three bedrooms, Garage
- Modern fitted Kitchen
- Modern fitted Bathroom
- Lounge, dinning room
- Conservatory, Utility
- Front & Rear gardens
- Town centre location
- NO CHAIN

£264,950

CHASETOWN
NEW STREET

- Two bedroom semi detached
- Off road parking
- Two reception rooms
- Kitchen, Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- No Chain
- EPC rating D

£124,995

HEDNESFORD
SANDPIPER CLOSE

- A well presented ground floor flat
- Double glazing and electric heating
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Double bedroom
- Bathroom
- Allocated parking
- Ideal first time buyer
- Awaiting EPC rating

£79,950

CHESLYN HAY
SUTHERLAND ROAD

- Three bedroom semi detached
- Entrance hallway & Porch
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen & Utility
- Family bathroom
- Garage & driveway
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- Awaiting EPC rating

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WHARWELL LANE

- Three Bedroom Bungalow
- Fully renovated to high spec
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Modern fitted bathroom
- Guest Cloakroom ● Lounge/diner
- Large conservatory
- Garage with driveway
- NO CHAIN
- EPC rating C

£259,995

HEDNESFORD
BELT ROAD

- Traditional detached cottage
- Three spacious bedrooms
- Refitted kitchen/diner
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Guest WC, Utility
- Master Bedroom with en-suite
- Family Bathroom
- Driveway & Garage
- EPC rating E

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- Five good sized bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden
- Driveway
- Viewing Essential
- EPC rating D

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HEDNESFORD
ABBEY STREET

- A three bedroom semi detached house
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, separate dining room, guest WC
- Kitchen with built in appliances
- Bathroom, garden to rear, off road parking
- Ideal family home, NO CHAIN
- EPC rating D

£125,000

HEDNESFORD
CHURCH HILL

- A traditional three bedroomed property
- Gas central heating, double glazed
- Modern fitted kitchen, dining room
- Ground floor fitted bathroom
- Master bedroom with walk in wardrobe
- Garden to rear, off road parking
- NO CHAIN, viewing recommended
- EPC rating D
- Offers Over

£125,000

HEATH HAYES
HARPERS COURT

- A modern two bedroom ground floor flat
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, kitchen with built in appliances
- Two bedrooms, bathroom
- Allocated parking and visitor parking
- Ideal first time buy
- Ideal investment
- EPC rating C

£109,950

HEDNESFORD
MCGHIE STREET

- Three bedroom semi detached
- Two reception rooms
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Downstairs wet room
- Gas central heating & double glazing
- Close to town centre
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- EPC rating B

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Stoney Croft

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£350,000 EPC=D

Bloxwich

New

Selsdon Road

- Detached Bungalow
- Corner plot
- Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen

£189,995 EPC=D

Bloxwich

New

Farmdale Grove

- Modern Semi
- Contemporary Styled
- Lounge/Diner
- Breakfast Kitchen

£177,500 EPC=C

Huntington

New

Stafford Road

- Mid Terraced House
- Two Receptions
- Two Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking

£114,995 EPC=D

Cannock

New

Earlswood Way

This is a superb executive modern detached family home, located conveniently for local amenities and transport links including the M6 toll road and train station. In brief the accommodation consists of; entrance hall, guest WC, lounge, kitchen/diner, two bedrooms with en-suites, three further bedrooms and a family bathroom. Outside there is a low maintenance rear garden, driveway and a detached single garage. The seller will also contribute ?250 towards legal fee's if the purchaser uses the sellers recommended solicitor.

£249,950 EPC=B

Heath Hayes

Newlands Lane
- Executive Detached•High Quality Finish
- Four Bedrooms•Landscaped Gardens

£399,995 EPC=C

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Newhall Street
- Traditional Detached House•Well Presented Family House
- Four Bedrooms & En-Suite•Four Reception Rooms

£389,995 EPC=E

Wimblebury

Horseshoe Drive
- Executive Detached House•Two Reception Rooms
- Luxury Refitted Kitchen•Large Conservatory

£279,995 EPC=C

Cannock

Dartmouth Avenue
- Traditional Detached House•Three Bedrooms
- Lounge, Dining Room•Conservatory, Fitted Kitchen

£269,995 EPC=D

Wimblebury

Haymaker Way
- Executive Detached•Lounge, Dining Room
- Conservatory, Kitchen/Diner•Four Bedrooms

£269,995 EPC=C

Hednesford

Bradbury Lane
- New Build•Detached Family House
- Spacious Lounge•Dining Kitchen

£260,000 EPC=TBA

Churchbridge

Lucas Rise
- Modern Detached House•Four Bedrooms, En-Suite
- Lounge, Guest WC•Stunning Kitchen/Diner

£250,000 EPC=B

Hednesford

Sharon Way
- Extended Semi Detached•Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Three Bedrooms & Bathroom•Driveway & Garage

£145,000 EPC=C

Hednesford

No Chain

Bradbury Lane
- New Build•Semi Detached House
- Spacious Lounge / Diner•Modern Fitted Kitchen

£140,000 EPC=TBA

Great Wyrley

No Chain

Walsall Road
- Traditional Semi Detached•Two Double Bedrooms
- Lounge, Sitting Room•Kitchen, Re-Fitted Bathroom

£135,000 EPC=F

Cannock

New Price

Cemetery Road
- Traditional End Terraced•Two Good Sized Bedrooms
- Breakfast Room•Open Plan Kitchen/Diner

£109,950 EPC=D

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Capercaillie Drive
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£90,000 EPC=B

Cannock

No Chain

Remington Drive
- Warden Controlled Bungalow•Two Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen•Wet Room

£114,950 EPC=C

Cheslyn Hay

No Chain

Campians Avenue
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- Lounge, Kitchen•Shower Room

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NORTON LANE

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- Utility room, shower room
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- Gardens, driveway, garage
- EPC rating D

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- Kitchen, ground floor WC
- Contemporary bathroom
- Beautifully kept grounds
- EPC rating D

Offers around £315,000

TURNBERRY, BLOXWICH
RALSTON CLOSE

- Impressive detached residence
- Popular Cul-de-Sac location
- Spacious lounge, dining room
- Superb breakfast kitchen
- Master bedroom with ensuite
- 3 further bedrooms, bathroom
- Gardens, driveway, double garage
- EPC rating D

Offers around £289,950

GREAT WYRLEY
FERN DRIVE

- Superb extended detached house
- Sought after Cul-de-Sac location
- 3 reception rooms, kitchen
- Utility room, guest WC
- 3 double bedrooms, bathroom
- Beautifully maintained gardens
- Driveway parking, garage
- EPC rating D

Offers around £285,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

GREAT WYRLEY
WALSALL ROAD

- Traditional detached residence
- Prime village location
- Extended lounge & kitchen
- Dining room, family room
- Three bedrooms, bathroom
- Substantial gardens, driveway
- Detached double garage
- EPC rating F

Offers around £275,000

GREAT WYRLEY
JULIAN CLOSE

- Fabulous detached residence
- Sought after village location
- Immaculately presented interiors
- Light & spacious lounge
- Superb kitchen / diner
- Three bedrooms, bathroom
- Gardens, driveway, garage
- EPC rating E

Offers around £260,000

CHESLYN HAY
HIGH STREET

- Imposing detached residence
- Superb location. No chain.
- 3 receptions, spacious kitchen
- Guest WC, downstairs bathroom
- 5 dbl bedrooms, ensuite, bathroom
- Garden, off road parking
- Detached 2 storey outbuilding
- EPC rating E

£229,950

NEW INSTRUCTION

GREAT WYRLEY
JOHNS LANE

- Extended detached house
- Superb corner plot
- Off road parking for several cars
- Through lounge / dining room
- Extended breakfast kitchen
- Three bedrooms, shower room
- Gardens, driveway, garage / workshop
- EPC rating D

Offers around £225,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

GREAT WYRLEY
KINGSWOOD DRIVE

- Superb semi-detached bungalow
- Generous corner plot
- Prime village location
- Lounge / dining room, kitchen
- 3 bedrooms, shower room
- Side storage room / workshop
- Gardens, driveway parking
- EPC rating A

Offers around £220,000

BLOXWICH
WALLINGTON CLOSE

- Charming detached bungalow
- Superb Cul-de-Sac location
- Lounge, breakfast kitchen
- Large utility area
- Two double bedrooms
- Shower room
- Gardens, driveway, garage
- EPC rating D

Offers around £218,000

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CHURCHBRIDGE
LOCKSIDE

- Fabulous semi-detached house
- Immaculately presented interiors
- Spacious lounge, guest WC
- Superb kitchen / diner
- Master bedroom with ensuite
- Two further bedrooms, bathroom
- Gardens, driveway parking
- EPC rating B

Offers around £210,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

GREAT WYRLEY
LOVE LANE

- Semi-detached bungalow
- Prime village location
- Lounge, breakfast kitchen
- Two generous double bedrooms
- Bathroom, separate WC
- Gardens, driveway parking
- Detached garage
- EPC rating D

Offers around £200,000

BLOXWICH
WETHERBY ROAD

- Modern detached home
- Lovely cul de sac location
- Kitchen, Lounge/dining room
- Superb conservatory
- 3 excellent bedrooms
- Gorgeous refurbished bathroom
- Drive, garage, gardens. NO CHAIN.
- EPC rating D

Offers over £190,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

GREAT WYRLEY
WALSALL ROAD

- Immaculate detached period property
- Three reception rooms
- Kitchen, utility, guest WC
- 2 1st floor bedrooms, bathroom
- 2nd floor bedroom with ensuite
- Gardens, off road parking
- Detached double garage
- EPC rating E

Offers around £180,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

GREAT WYRLEY
BENTONS LANE

- Modern detached residence
- Sought after village location
- Lounge / dining room, study
- Kitchen with range cooker
- 3 good bedrooms, bathroom
- Generous gardens, driveway, garage
- No upward chain
- EPC rating to follow

Offers around £179,950

CHESLYN HAY
GLENTHORNE DRIVE

- Extended semi-detached house
- Superb village location
- Well presented interiors
- Extended lounge / diner, kitchen
- Three bedrooms, bathroom
- Gardens, driveway, garage
- Viewing highly recommended
- EPC rating C

Offers around £165,000

CHESLYN HAY
OAKRIDGE DRIVE

- Modern semi-detached house
- Sought after village location
- Well presented interiors
- Lounge, kitchen / diner
- Conservatory
- Three bedrooms, bathroom
- Gardens, driveway parking
- EPC rating D

Offers over £160,000

GREAT WYRLEY
JOHNS LANE

- Extended semi-detached house
- Prime village location
- Lounge, separate dining room
- Kitchen, guest WC
- Ground floor bathroom
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Gardens, driveway. No chain
- EPC rating F

Offers over £140,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

TURNBERRY, BLOXWICH
SELSDON ROAD

- Superb mid-terraced property
- Sought after Cul-de-Sac location
- Would suit investor or first time buyer
- Lounge, kitchen, conservatory
- 2 double bedrooms, bathroom
- Good sized rear garden
- 2 allocated parking spaces
- EPC rating C

Offers around £132,500

CHESLYN HAY
HIGH STREET

- Well proportioned period semi
- Convenient village location
- Requiring modernisation
- Two reception rooms
- Kitchen, ground floor bathroom
- Three bedrooms. No upward chain
- Gardens, off road parking
- EPC rating F

Offers around £125,000

GREAT WYRLEY
BROOK LANE

- Superb first floor apartment
- Convenient village location
- Spacious interiors
- Charming lounge, refitted ktichen
- 2 generous bedroom, bathroom
- Gas central heating, double glazing
- Neat lawned grounds, parking
- EPC rating C

Offers over £85,000

GREAT WYRLEY
PENNY COURT

- 2nd floor apartment
- Well proportioned accommodation
- Convenient village location
- Lounge / dining room, kitchen
- Two double bedrooms, bathroom
- Communal gardens & parking
- No upward chain
- EPC rating E

Offers around £80,000

PENKRIDGE
LITTLE MARSH PARK

- Two bedroom park home
- Requires updating
- Superb park location
- Popular Penkridge park site
- Lounge, fitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms, shower room
- Garden area, communal parking
- No onward chain

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NEW INSTRUCTION

NIGHTINGALE COURT
BURNTWOOD

- Second floor penthouse
- Bathroom & En-suite
- Sought after location
- Lovely communal gardens
- Three bedrooms
- Two allocated parking spaces
- Two reception rooms
- Viewing highly recommended
- Fully fitted kitchen
- EPC rating C

£240,000

NEWLY AVAILABLE

BELT ROAD
HEDNESFORD

- Spacious semi detached
- Kitchen diner with island
- Two double bedrooms
- Lounge with bay window
- Driveway
- Veranda & downstairs WC
- Open aspect to the rear
- EPC rating E

Offers Over £110,000

GENEROUS GARDEN

MORETON STREET
CANNOCK

- Extensively extended
- Corner plot location
- Through lounge /diner
- Family room
- Three double bedrooms
- Garage
- No upward Chain
- EPC rating E

Offers Over £180,000

QUIET LOCATION

CHURCH FARM COTTAGES
LICHFIELD

- Semi- detached cottage
- Two bedrooms
- Sought after village location
- Wonderful original features
- Contemporary kitchen
- Open aspect to the rear
- Stunning garden room
- EPC rating D

£275,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

HAYMOOR
LICHFIELD

- Semi detached property
- South facing rear garden
- Well presented
- Off road parking
- Lounge
- Popular Boley Park estate
- Conservatory
- Cul-de-sac location
- Two bedrooms
- Awaiting EPC rating

£180,000

VIEWING RECOMMENDED

MAIN STREET
SHENSTONE

- Charming end terrace
- Gargae & driveway
- Three bedrooms
- Village location
- Two reception rooms
- Must be viewed to be appreciated
- Period features
- EPC rating F

Offers Over £350,000

EXECUTIVE BUNGALOW

CHURCH ROAD
BURNTWOOD

- Extended detached bungalow
- En-suite to master
- Open aspect views
- Luxury family bathroom
- Spacious lounge
- Garage and ample parking
- Impressive kitchen
- Must be viewed
- Three double bedrooms
- EPC rating C

£500,000

VIEWING RECOMMENDED

PYE GREEN ROAD
CANNOCK

- Semi detached property
- Four Bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Conservatory
- Garage & off road parking
- Close to Cannock Town Centre
- No upward chain
- EPC rating C

Offers Over £200,000

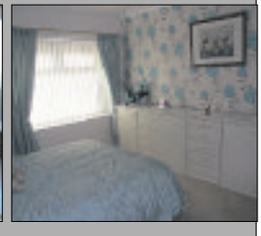
NEWLY AVAILABLE

CANNOCK ROAD
CHASE TERRACE

- Semi detached property
- Two bedrooms
- Beautifully presented
- Ground floor bathroom
- Refitted bathroom & kitchen
- Garage at rear
- Must be viewed
- EPC rating E

Offers Over £120,000

NEW INSTRUCTION



WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD
PELSALL

- End terraced property
- Conservatory
- Ideal investment/first time buy
- Family bathroom
- Three bedrooms
- Off road parking & garage
- Spacious lounge/dining area
- No upward chain
- Modern Kitchen
- Awaiting EPC rating

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THIS well presented three-bedroomed bungalow in Woodfield Close, Norton Canes, comes with parking for several vehicles and a detached garage.

Enjoying a cul-de-sac location, it is for sale through Paul Carr at £190,000.

It has an entrance hall with tiled flooring, a kitchen with an extractor hood and a side access door, a spacious lounge/diner with a bay window and a feature fireplace with a gas fire, an inner hallway with laminate flooring, a shower room with tiled floors and walls, three good sized bedrooms, (the master with built-in wardrobes and the second bedroom having laminate flooring and French doors to the garden, and the third bedroom with laminate flooring).

Call Paul Carr Estate Agents on 01543 686444 or visit www.paulcarrestateagents.co.uk

Space to convert for an extra bedroom

SITUATED on the Meadows development to the south of Stafford town centre, this property in Charterhouse Avenue, Stafford, has been converted by the current owner from a three-bedroom property into a two-bed, but could very easily revert with a minor alteration.

Well presented, the property is for sale through DB Roberts & Partners at £190,000.

It has a lounge, breakfast kitchen, conservatory, study/craft room, WC, garage store, two bedrooms and a bathroom.

The gardens to the front and rear are well maintained and there is considerable off -road parking to the front and side.

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Astras playing role in F1

Top F1 driver coach, Rob Wilson, isn't the most sympathetic driver you'll meet. Since Vauxhall loaned him two ex-press Astras last April in which to train some of the world's leading race drivers, the cars have covered the equivalent of five Le Mans 24-Hour races, all completely flat-out at Bruntingthorpe Proving Ground in Leicestershire.

Rob Wilson is possibly one of the most important players in Formula One that you've never heard of, and is instrumental in carving split seconds from the lap times of at least 12 drivers who've been on the grid in 2015. Their skills are honed in two standard production Astras – a 1.6 CDTi 136PS diesel Sports Tourer and a 1.6T 200PS petrol GTC.

"The Vauxhalls will do everything that an F1 car does dynamically, just at a far lower speed," said Rob. This allows me to explain the physics behind what the car is doing on the track in real time.'

But as Rob swapped his beloved Astras for three models from the all-new generation range, it wasn't without some regret. 'The Astras have been as tough as old boots. Between them, they've covered over 16,000 track miles at Bruntingthorpe in the hands of successive F1, GP2, WRC, DTM and Indycar drivers, and they haven't missed a beat. They've chewed through 400 tyres and 40 sets of brake pads, but despite nearly 100,000 gearshifts and 43,000 severe braking manoeuvres, the cars are as nice to drive as they were on Day One.

"I often have a driver's race engineer in the back seat and everyone has commented how comfortable the cars are, and how predictable and stable their handling is. The cars have an unbelievably hard time out on our track, so I need to know that they're not going to break. I have tried other makes of car, but they've always suffered some kind of breakdown. I'm really looking forward to spending next year in the new Astras."

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Rob has taken delivery of three new Astras this month – all SRi models, two 1.6 CDTi 136PSs and one 1.4T 150PS – and has already sampled one on track, taking three seconds off his best lap time in the outgoing car. "You can feel the benefits that up to 200kgs of weight-loss has brought straight away. My drivers are going to enjoy their training even more in 2016."

So what have Rob's Astras had to endure this year?

- 16,000 track miles at full race speed
- 7,250 laps of Bruntingthorpe Proving Ground
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Fast-selling Hyundai drives the Czech factory success

The new Tucson has become the fastest-selling Hyundai car in the UK and Europe since its launch last September.

With over 10,000 orders in the UK and 85,000 orders in Europe, the new compact SUV contributes to Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Czech (HMMC) factory continuing to operate at full capacity.

Since production started of the Hyundai ix35 in June 2011, more than 700,000 C-SUVs have left the Czech plant, including the new Tucson – making C-SUVs the major contributor to the success of the factory.

Recently, HMMC celebrated its 7th anniversary of mass-production which started in November 2008 with the first-generation Hyundai i30. More than 1.8 million cars have been produced, while also exporting to more than 60 markets around the world.

The factory has capacity to produce 300,000 cars and 600,000 transmissions a year.

It is also an important employer in the region, with 3,400 workers employed directlyand a further 7,000 jobs created in the surrounding area.

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Practical new Seat is cleverly adaptable

By Matt Joy

Seat's Ibiza hatchback was turned into the even more practical ST model in 2010, and the compact load carrier won plenty of fans with its useful boot, good spec and slick dynamics.

Now it's received the same updates as the rest of the Ibiza range, including mild tweaks to the exterior, trim and equipment upgrades and a revised model line up.

Perhaps more importantly, the Ibiza is available with some new engines, chiefly a three-cylinder 1.0-litre petrol unit in naturally aspirated and turbocharged forms.

The latter looks particularly impressive on paper with the potential for strong performance as well as economy.

Choosing the ST over the hatchback or SC versions means sacrificing a little in ultimate style for practicality, but it's fair to say that amongst other supermini-based load carriers, the Ibiza is the pick of the bunch. As with the other bodystyles, there are mild tweaks to the exterior including new front and rear lights plus a wider choice of alloy wheels and trim packs, but the key factor here is the distinctive nose and strong shoulder line that gives the Ibiza ST some real personality. That goes a long way to giving the Ibiza ST its relatively youthful image, even in this more practical guise.

That estate car body brings with it some inevitable gains in terms of space. There's an extra 138 litres of boot space with the rear seats in place, taking the total to 430. Fold the seats and it goes up to a whopping 1,164 litres, over 300 more than the hatchback in the same configuration and a lot for a car with a small footprint. In the main cabin there's a little more headroom thanks to the longer roofline over the back seats, though taller adults will want to sit up front to take advantage of the most space on offer.

It's taken for granted that a modern supermini is just as capable out of town and on a B-road as it is in the city, nonetheless the Ibiza ST is a satisfying small car to drive. What really sets apart this latest version however is the new 1.0-litre three-cylinder engine, tested here in 109PS Eco-TSI form.

Although the performance figures are relatively modest - top speed 119mph, 0-62mph in 10.8 seconds - it feels like a much more potent unit.

It's surprisingly quiet, but still has a pleasing three-cylinder tone and is happy to lug from low revs, feeling like a much bigger unit. Yet in spite of this performance, it is capable of some remarkable economy; 94g/km and 68.9mpg combined is exceptionally thrifty and all from a petrol engine, meaning cheaper prices at the pump over the long-term.

This is a high-economy car without any of the usual disadvantages.

The Ibiza ST's road manners have also been improved, with retuned suspension that helps to soak up road bumps with less fuss, without hurting the handling. The new electric power steering system helps to save fuel, and while it isn't the most feelsome it's light for parking and pleasingly accurate.

All Ibizas get air conditioning, a version of the touchscreen, a USB port, Bluetooth and air conditioning, while moving up to this SE model nets additional features like chrome roof rails, LED daytime running lights, alloy wheels, leather on the steering wheel and gearknob plus the five-inch touchscreen system for your audio inputs. What's more, in this form the Ibiza ST is £14,765, good value for a well-equipped car that will potentially cost peanuts to run.

The Ibiza in ST form is an eminently sensible choice for a variety of people. Families with small children will find it a good size both inside and out, whilst those who need to carry sizeable loads but don't want a huge estate all the time will also find it very useful. It's not short on luxury touches and with its enthusiastic turbocharged engine, can make short work of long journeys too.

This car summed up in a single word: Clever

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The trendy Evoque will stay at top of tree

By John Griffiths

It was a bit of a surprise for some, but the trendy Evoque soon proved its critics wrong by selling 80,000 in the first year.

So perhaps the convertible version – which again divides opinion – will prove another big success when it appears in dealer showrooms in the spring.

The new version, with what is claimed to be the longest folding roof in the business but which still has room for four adults, will start at £47,500 – near the price of a fully stacked hard top Evoque.

Like the coupe, the convertible is Land Rover going boldly where it's never been before. So it's likely there will be plenty of interest in what is billed as the world's first luxury compact SUV convertible, which will come with four wheel drive and the option of manual and automatic gearboxes.

But it will also share something with the newly upgraded Evoque coupes – probably the lowest running costs in the sector, with fuel economy, CO2 emissions and running costs that would leave even some small family hatchbacks green with envy.

For, as part of its makeover, the Evoque gets the lightweight and highly efficientl 2.0 litre Ingenium turbo diesel built at Jaguar Land Rover's Wolverhampton plant.

It is 18 per cent more efficient than the 2.2 litre Ford engine it replaces, helping the Evoque to trounce the opposition on running costs – it isn't only its fuel economy but also the advanced Ingenium engine allows for much longer intervals between service – now two years.

The 150bhp, two wheel drive version with manual gearbox is capable of up to 68mpg according to official tests and a mere 109g'm of CO2 – making it the most efficient Land Rover ever, and a class leader.The more powerful 180PS version is equally impressive, with figures of 59mpg and 125g/km of CO2. There is still a two litre, 240PS petrol option for those who value ultimate performance over economy.

The test car was the £32,200 entry level with 150bhp, two wheel drive and a manual gearbox. It is well equipped as standard, but start adding some of the many option packs and the costs soon build up. This car, for example, had an upgraded navigation kit (£600), a panoramic sunroof £900), a premium sound and connectivity system (£2,250) and a convenience pack (£1,800). The fully stacked, all singing, all dancing version comes in at £51,500.

Bearing in mind that this was still the entry level model, the Evoque instantly felt livelier, quieter and even more refined than its predecessor, perhaps because of the significantly lower weight and lower noise levels from the Ingenium engine. It doesn't feel big or heavy on the road, more like a family hatchback in fact, and feels equally at home on busy streets, the motorway or country lanes.

Style and status (that Range Rover badge) are undoubtedly big factors in the Evoque's success, but it is also very capable. Even two wheel drive versions have a raft of electronic helpers to keep you safe and on the move in bad weather, but all wheel drive versions have serious off-road ability.

New models now have the innovative 'All-Terrain Progress Control' seen on bigger, more expensive Land Rover and Range Rover cars. Just press the appropriate button (mud and ruts, snow and so on) and the car does the rest, constantly adjusting vehicle settings to maintain traction and make progress.

From the outside, the new car is still instantly recognisable as an Evoque: it would be a brave man who changed too much on a car like this. But it does have a new front bumper with wider air intakes, a choice of grille designs and a new rear roof spoiler with built-in stop lamp. There is also the option of the company's first LED adaptive headlamps, which follow steering inputs allowing you to see deeper into corners.

But it's inside the Evoque where you'll see most changes, including new seats, new instrument binnacle and the new 'InControl Touch' screen. It's a computer in the car which comes with a range of capabilities (and of course prices). The top of the range option fitted to the test car doesn't only control functions such as hands free phone, CD and DVD play, radio and navigation. You can also pair it up with a standard smart phone and use any 'apps' you have.

While the Evoque has always been a luxury SUV, it seems to have gone up a grade with improvements to the interior including an Oxford leather steering wheel, multi-adjustable front seats, and interior mood lighting.

The compact SUV sector of the car market is where manufacturers are currently doing battle for sales and that shows little, if any, sign of waning as barely a month goes by without a new model being launched. But the Evoque, Land Rover's fastest selling model ever, has established itself at the top of the tree and this revamp will help to keep it there. More luxury, more equipment and technology, more refinement and a better driving experienc – yet with some of the lowest running costs. It has to be a formula for continued success.

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New Ford Edge joins UK SUV market

By James Parker

The all-new upscale Ford Edge enters the UK's surging SUV market priced from £29,995.

This sophisticated new SUV from Ford – arriving in Ford dealerships this summer – offers class-leading space for up to five passengers, segment-first technologies and refinement to rival premium competitors. It joins the increasingly popular Ford Kuga 'family-sized' SUV and EcoSport compact SUV to complete Ford's three-car SUV line-up.

Early indications of residual values also reinforce the strength of the Ford Edge, with CAP Gold Book expecting a 180PS 2.0-litre TDCi manual Zetec to retain 56.6 per cent of its new list price, after three years and 30,000 miles.

Andy Barratt, chairman and managing director, Ford of Britain, said: "The introduction of the stylish Ford Edge SUV is another incredibly exciting moment for Ford and its dealers.

"Joining performance products like Mustang and Focus RS and new luxury products like Mondeo Vignale already in showrooms, the Edge makes the Ford product line-up for 2016 never stronger.

"It will deliver more room for passengers than large competitor SUVs that cost considerably more. The styling and suite of comfort, convenience and safety technologies in Edge rival the premium offerings available in the UK," added Barratt.

Well-equipped

Available in Zetec, Titanium and Sport series, the all-new Edge is well-equipped as standard, offering Ford intelligent all-wheel drive, Active Noise Control, Pedestrian Detection, Ford DAB Audio with SYNC 2 connectivity system, privacy glass and 19in alloy wheels. The flagship SUV is offered with a choice of 10 exterior colours including new Electric Spice and Bronze Fire, and is available with a wide range of interior leather trim options.

The all-new Ford Edge exterior is carefully sculpted and athletic with strong 'shoulders' and a muscular, more compact bonnet.

To improve efficiency, unique air curtains are positioned on the lower part of the fascia to guide air from the front of the vehicle, out through the front wheel wells and down the vehicle side.

The interior has been designed with high-quality materials throughout, including soft-touch trims on the dashboard and centre console, high-gloss piano black surrounds on the switch bezels and a satin silver metal finish for the door handles, air vent bezels, glovebox trim and steering wheel detailing.

The spacious Edge is also offered with heated and cooled front seats and heated rear seats from the Titanium series.

Transmission

The Edge will be offered in the UK with a choice of 180PS 2.0-litre TDCi diesel engine with six-speed manual transmission, or 210PS bi-turbo 2.0-litre TDCi diesel with six-speed PowerShift automatic transmission.

Both powertrains will aim to deliver 48.7mpg fuel efficiency and 149g/km CO2 supported by Auto-Start-Stop technology.

All-new Edge will offer new Ford technologies, including Adaptive Steering, which automatically optimises the steering response according to vehicle speed, making it easy to manoeuvre at low speeds, while remaining precise and intuitive at higher speeds; and Front Wide View Camera, which makes restricted visibility junctions or parking spaces easier to negotiate.

Edge debuts segment-first Pre-Collision Assist with Pedestrian Detection; a camera- and radar-based system that can operate at speeds from 5mph to 110mph to detect vehicles and people in the road ahead.

The system can automatically apply the brakes if a potential collision is detected and the driver does not respond to warnings.

The Edge will also feature Ford's Intelligent All-Wheel Drive (AWD) technology as standard, delivering a seamless transition between front-wheel drive and all-wheel drive performance to provide a more secure footing on the road especially in slippery conditions.

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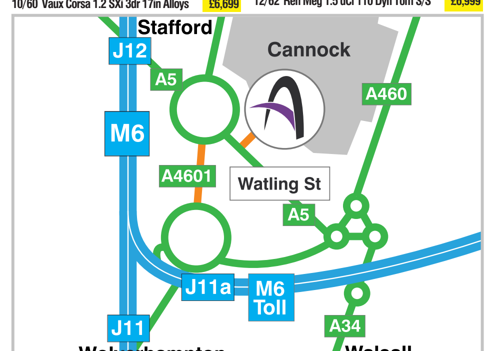

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Blue is the new green for sporty hatchback

By John Griffiths

Blue is the new green, it seems, in the world of the sporty hatchback.

Bluemotion is the name of Volkswagen's economy models but the technology behind it has now found its way across a wider range of vehicles, including the latest GT.

This is the 1.4 litre Polo Blue GT, perhaps better described as a 'warm hatch' rather than a hot hatch because that designation truly belongs to the full-blown GT with its bigger 1.8 engine, more power and more pace. But it may well appeal to a wider range of drivers, being somewhat easier on the pocket and indeed on other parts of the anatomy with its more forgiving ride.

The direct injection, turbocharged petrol engine is a little cracker, providing 0 to 62mph acceleration in 7.8 seconds yet it's also capable of averaging more than 50mpg.

The Polo, as cars tend to do, have grown with successive generations so it's no longer the tiddler of the VW range and is easily capable of accommodating four adults in comfort, five at a pinch. It also comes with a trendy interior and high specification as befits a car which costs £18,485.

The 1.4 TSI engine isn't entirely new, and is pretty impressive in larger, heavier VW models so it's no real surprise that it makes the Polo a lively, fun drive that's also refined, as it's never really under strain. It has 147bhp and 250Nm of torque.

With its six-speed gearbox, 70mph in top equates to around 2,400rpm which gives it a more relaxed, refined feel than most small cars, and in fact more akin to bigger, more expensive metal. The extra torque imparted by the turbo means plenty of mid-range punch, too.

The theory of using a smaller engine fitted with a turbocharger is pretty sound, and is being adopted by more and more car makers. Essentially you have extra economy under light loads, but then power when necessary you need something rather more dynamic, for example, a quick overtake.

The Blue GT has a couple of extra cards up its sleeve, including the aforementioned Bluemotion technology which includes improved aerodynamics to help it slice more cleanly through the air, with less drag.

There's also an automatic stop/start system and its Active Cylinder Technology, or ACT, which cuts off fuel to two of the four cylinders when the engine is under light load, such as when you're cruising on a light throttle.

The switch between two and four cylinders is entirely seamless: you'd never know if it wasn't for the '2-cylinder mode' message which pops up in the driver's information display.It doesn't just happen on steep downhill stretches of road, it even runs on two cylinders on level stretches of motorway which makes me wonder how much money I've wasted over the years by having four cylinders running constantly.

The Blue GT's official fuel average is 58.9mpg (CO2 rating a low 110g/km) while my own test figure was a fraction over 50mpg, which included a couple of long motorway runs and two pretty awful traffic jams. Few, if any, drivers reach the dizzy heights of the official laboratory test so I found my returns pretty impressive in 'real world' driving. That's particularly so with a car which has real performance potential, but clearly being seduced into the traffic lights grand prix will have a direct impact on your pocket.

The GT's lowered, sports suspension is firmer than the standard Polo, or perhaps that's emphasised the fat, low profile 215/40 tyres but it is sufficiently well damped to avoid any real discomfort over a typical British b-road.

The steering is perfectly weighted and positive, with confidence-inspiring neutral handling through bends and an electro-mechanical difference for added traction and stability in slippery conditions. There are also, as you'd expect these days, a range of electronic systems including stability and traffic controls, hill hold assist and brake assist,

Inside, the VW continues the 'blue' theme with blue alcantara panels in the grey leather and fabric sports-style seats. The rest of the cabin screams quality, too, with soft to the touch materials and clear instruments and secondary controls.

The centre console is dominated by the colour touch screen, which in the test car included satellite navigation (a £700 extra). It's an impressive system, as it also manages to warn of roadworks and queueing traffic on the road ahead.

It also, of course, functions as the control centre for the DAB radio and CD system, driver information and settings, and connectivity (it is full compatible with the latest generation of smart phones). Other standard equipment includes air conditioning, electric windows and mirrors, heat insulated tinted glass and front fog lamps.

Bearing in mind the Blue GT's high standard of finish, plus its impressive balance of performance and economy, the £18,485 looks more competitive than you might imagine against rival 'warm' hatchbacks.It will also prove cheaper to run, too, with its fuel economy, low CO2 rating and its group 23E (out of 50) insurance rating.

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Wife Isabell, Children and Grandchildren.

DEAKIN
Elaine
January 16, 2015.
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A lovely caring Wife and Mum.
Loved forever,
Missed forever
Greg, Steven and Paul
X X X

FOWELL
Bryan John
Died January 9, 2014.
Each of us in our own way, have special thoughts of you today.
Love you always.
Rosalie, Stephen, Suzanne, Diane and Families.
X X

deaths

ALLEN
Dorothy
Passed away peacefully aged 83 years.

Funeral Service to take place on Thursday, January 21, at Stafford Crematorium at 12 noon.

Family flowers only.

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ALLPORT
Doris May
Beloved Wife of the late James.

Doris passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 6, 2016, aged 93 years.

The Funeral Service will take place at St. Augustine's Church, Rugeley, on Thursday January 21, at 12.15pm, followed by a Burial at Stile Cop Cemetery at 1pm.

Family flowers only please.

Any donations kindly received will be given to The Air Ambulance.

For any further information, please contact

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BAILEY
Phyllis Jean
Of Cannock.

Passed away on January 1, 2016, aged 90 years.

Will be sadly missed by all Family and Friends.

Funeral Service to take place at Chadsmoor Methodist Church, on Friday, January 15, at 2pm, followed by Cremation at Stafford Crematorium.

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BALDWIN
Hazel
Late of Cannock.

Passed away at home on December 31, 2015, aged 87 years.

Hazel will be sadly missed by all her loving Family.

Funeral Service will take place on Friday, January 22, 2016, at 1.30pm, at Stafford Crematorium.

Hazel is now resting in a private Chapel of Repose at
HALLIWELL
Funeral Service
70 Hednesford Road
Heath Hayes
WS12 3EA.
01543 459200.

CORNS
Yvonne Elizabeth
Sadly passed away on Sunday, January 3, 2016, aged 59 years.

Much loved and missed by all her Family and Friends.

The Funeral Service is to be held on Friday, January 15, at 1.30pm, at Stafford Crematorium and it is Yvonne's wish that no one should wear black please.

Family flowers only please.

Donations, if desired, for the Stroke Association.

All inquiries c/o

A.J. Sellman
Family Funeral Directors
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Cannock, WS11 1DW
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DAVIS
Ann Sandra
Passed away peacefully January 7, 2016 aged 76.

She will be very sadly missed by her loving Son Andrew, Wendy, Carol and Danielle, best Friend Joan Bird, Grandsons Richard and Craig.

Funeral Service to take place 10am, on Tuesday, February 26, 2016 at Stafford Crematorium.

The Family have requested everybody to wear bright colours.

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MALE
Ursula (Joy)
Passed away on January 7, 2015 aged 88 years.

Will be sadly missed by Family Steve, Ann, Kimberley and Paul.

The Funeral Service is to take place on Monday, January 25, 2016 at 2.00pm at Stafford Crematorium.

Donations to Cancer Research UK will be accepted via Family members.

McLEAN
Eileen Margaret
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Much loved by her Family and Friends.

RIP Mum

Mike, Richie, Adam, Wassana, Henry and Sasha.

The Funeral Service is to be held on Tuesday, January 19, at 1pm, at St Mary's Church, Cannock.

Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, for St Giles Hospice.

All inquiries c/o

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MILLS
Edward Alfred
(Ted)
Passed away suddenly at New Cross Hospital, on December 29, 2015, aged 72 years.

Ted will be sadly missed by all his loving Family.

Funeral Service will take place on Monday, January 25, 2016, at 11am, at Stafford Crematorium.

Ted is now resting in a Private Chapel of Repose at
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POOLE
Helen
Passed away peacefully on Friday, January 1, 2016, aged 55 years.

Beloved Mum and Friend, sadly missed by all her Family and Friends.

The Funeral Service is to be held on Friday, January 15 at 1pm at Stafford Crematorium.

Family flowers only please. Donations if desired for Macmillan Cancer Support and Cancer Research.

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RIDDLE
Mathew
Of Cannock.
Passed away suddenly on January 4, 2016, aged 33 years.

The devoted Dad of Tommy and beloved Son of Jimmy (Neil).

Reunited with his Mom Pat.

Mathew will also be deeply missed by Mandy, Donna, Sarah, Carl and Wayne and all his many Friends.

Service will be held at Stafford Crematorium on Friday, January 22, at 3.30pm.

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ROGERS
Tony
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TURNER
George
Sadly passed away on December 31, at Cannock Hospital surrounded by his loving Family.

A much loved Husband, Father, Grandfather and Brother-in-law who will be sadly missed by all his Family and Friends.

His Funeral Service will take place on Friday, January 22, 2016, at 2.30pm, at Stafford Crematorium.

There will be a Celebration of George's Life at Broomhill Albion Club from 3.30pm onwards, all welcome.

Family flowers only please.

Donations would be appreciated for The British Heart Foundation and The Stroke Association.

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FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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All inquiries c/o

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WEATHERER

Frank

Of Cannock.

Passed away peacefully at Katharine House on January 6, 2016, aged 85 years.

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Service will be held at St Luke's Church, Cannock on Wednesday, January 27, at 2.30pm, followed by Committal at Stafford Crematorium.

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Donations to be split between Cancer Research UK and Katharine House.

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WRIGHT

Irene

Late of Heath Hayes.

Passed away on January 8, 2016, aged 95 years.

Irene will be sadly missed by all her loving Family.

Funeral Service will take place on Thursday, January 28, 2016, at 3.30pm, at Lichfield and District Crematorium, followed by refreshments at The Cons Club, Heath Hayes.

Family flowers only.

All donations received will be forwarded to The Stroke Association.

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WYLES
Charles William
(Bill)

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YATES

Barbara

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acknowledgements

HAMER

John Thomas

Evelyn, Philip and Mark Hamer wish to thank everyone who came to Johns Funeral.

Thank you to Jeff for the lovely poem, Derrick for the beautiful song he sang, and to Colin Bruton.

Thank you to Philip Emery, Funeral Directors for the caring Service.

Thank you everyone for the collection for Cancer Research which raised £300.

TAYLOR

Keith

Michelle and Carl would like to thank everyone for their support and kind messages of sympathy at this sad time.

Also thank you to all who attended the Funeral Service and for the flowers and the generous donations of £230 to The Midlands Air Ambulance.

Special thanks, also, to Father Pat Brennan at St. Marys Church for a lovely service and to all at A.J. Sellman for making a difficult time more bearable.

coming of age

McGOWAN
Elsie
Coming of Age.
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Nan.
XXX

thank you

Thank You

WITTS
Margaret

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED)
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A4601 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK (LONGFORD ISLAND)
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The Order will remain in force for a period of 18 months or until the carriageway improvement works, which it is proposed to carry out on or near the road, have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

John Tradewell, Director for Strategy, Governance and Change
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FOSTER AVENUE, CANNOCK
DIVERSION OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC

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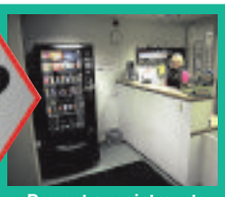

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Look who's coming to dinner

Ex-England rugby player Tim Stimpson

LEICESTER Tiger, England and British Lions player Tim Stimpson will be guest of honour at a sportsman's dinner in Burntwood at the end of this month.

The Merseyside-born full-back played 125 times for Leicester, becoming their principal goal kicker, and won 19 England caps during an eight-year first class career. He also played once for the Lions in 1997.

Now aged 42, he will address guests at Burntwood Rugby Club's annual presentation and dinner on Saturday, January 30.

The event gets under way at 7pm with tickets priced at £30, or £250 for a table of 10.

Buffet

Tickets are available at the bar at the clubhouse at the Sportsway, or contact Martyn Smith on 07792 390190.

Meanwhile, on Saturday February 20, the club is saying thank you to all its sponsors and partners for the current season with a game against Eccleshall. A pre-match buffet will be served at 12.30pm, with the game kicking off at 2.15.

On the field, Burntwood enjoyed a 48-0 win over local rivals Bloxwich last weekend in their first game since the Christmas break. They lie sixth in the Midlands 3 West (North) and this weekend make the short trip to Willenhall.

The second XV entertain Willenhall seconds, while the Colts face Ashby at home on Sunday.

Women's side show steel to hit back from goal behind

Steel City Wanderers 1
Wolves Women 2

WOLVES Women turn their attention to the Birmingham County Cup on Sunday when they entertain Leafield Athletic Ladies in the third round at Hednesford Town's Keys Park ground.

Wolves regularly enjoy a good run in the County Cup, having reached the semi-final for the past four years.

The last time they reached the final was in 2010, beating Leafield 2-1 after extra time in the semi-final, but they were beaten 4-1 by Birmingham City in the final.

Kick-off is at 2pm and admission is £2, concessions £1.

Here, they came from behind to seal an impressive win away at Sheffield side Steel City Wanderers.

Wolves were caught out in the 35th minute when the striker appeared to foul Wolves' defender Emma Cross, and when nothing was given by the referee, she went on to score past Lucy Gardner in goal.

Wolves were finally rewarded with an equaliser in the 76th minute, when Kim Holden got on the end of a through ball from Jade Cross and coolly slotted past the keeper to make it 1-1.

Just three minutes later Cross herself went through on goal after beating the defender to the ball, and confidently lobbed the advancing keeper to give Wolves the lead.

Manager Steve Cullis said: "I was very proud of the players today, grabbing all three points in tough conditions."

"They upped the pace in the second half, worked hard, and showed unity as a team."

I nearly quit, says speedway's Adams

WOLVES speedway team boss Peter Adams thought long and hard about stepping down over the winter.

The veteran manager felt his message to riders was becoming stale following back-to-back seasons of under-achievement.

But a raft of fresh faces in the 2016 side – only Swedes Freddie Lindgren and Jacob Thorssell survive from last year's line-up – means he has decided to continue in his personal quest for a 10th top-flight league title.

Adams had no heart-to-heart with club owner Chris Van Straaten over the possibility of quitting, but admitted a lot of soul searching over the close season.

"In years gone by we've tended to trawl the club's retained list for the bedrock positions in the team," said Adams.

"I think we needed wholesale changes, rather than one or two. When you're using a lot of the same riders year after year after year, then they get a bit stale with the team manager's message.

"I think we'd arrived at the point where you want a load of people who haven't heard my message – or you go down the traditional path and find another team manager.

Retained

"There was a bit of thinking along those lines. If you look at people like Peter Karlsson, Ricky Wells, Freddie (Lindgren), (Ty) Proctor, all these guys on the retained list, I've worked with these guys for donkeys' years and there's nothing new for me, really, to tell them.

"But there's certainly something new for me to tell five new kids and that's the route Chris has decided we should go down.

"When I think I've got nothing left to offer the club, I'll stand aside. But I think we are some way off that," added Adams, who will offer Freddie Lindgren the captaincy.

New Wolves signing Sam Masters went agonisingly close to Australian title glory in the final round in Mildura at the weekend.

Masters needed to win the Grand Final to secure gold over the four rounds but failed to get the better of Justin Sedgmen and Max Fricke, handing Brady Kurtz the title.

Masters said: "I'm really lost for words – I've come so far in the series and lost out by a single point."

Freddie ready to get back on track

Promoter Chris Van Straaten with riders Freddie Lindgren and Max Clegg and sponsor Dave Perry

WOLVES ace Freddie Lindgren is chasing 'redemption' after last season's nightmare – and believes he can get back to his best.

The Monmore men finished one off the bottom of the Elite League last year and the Swede – not helped by a race formula which pits the top men against each other more often – saw his average plummet by nearly a third.

The club have reacted by trying to construct a more rounded team without weak links. But the 30-year-old insists he is the man to sprinkle some stardust at the top end.

"We have strength in depth, but to be successful you need a top guy – and I need to be that guy," he said.

"I won't start as the top guy, but my plan is to end the year as the top guy. I believe a key to success will be myself. After a tough year last year my average has gone down significantly. There's a big chance that I can improve it. That's always good for a team.

"Wolverhampton have had two bad years on the bounce. I wasn't there two years ago (Lindgren sat out the 2014 British season), but I was there last year and we really need to do better, need some redemption."

Undefeated Harris is right on cue for leaders

JACK Harris was the star turn as Premier Division leaders St Johns snatched victory from the jaws of defeat in the Aldridge & District Snooker League.

The undefeated Harris rolled in a season's best break of 83 to spark a fightback after the table-toppers found themselves trailing 2-0 to Pelsall Social A.

Scott Preece and Andy Guy had given the visitors a flying start but Harris started the comeback with Riley Parsons, who has also yet to taste defeat the season, then squaring the match at 2-2. Mick Faulkner clinched the decider to seal the win and maintain St Johns' unbeaten record.

Second-placed Cannock Cons B closed the gap between themselves and St Johns to nine points with a 4-1 home victory against Stafford Road A.

Reigning champions Wednesfield Cons A are third following a 4-1 win against bottom club Ogley Hay.

The top two in Division One went head-to-head. Second-placed Stafford Road B wiped out leaders Bentley Moor A's four-point advantage with a 3-2 home success.

Bloxwich Men B tightened their grip on third place with a 4-1 win at Golden Cue C. Darlaston Cons are still in promotion hunt after beating Birchills 3-2.

Results – Prem Div: Aldridge Cons B 1 Q Bar A 4; Bloxwich Memorial A 4 Fishley Park 1; Cannock Cons B 4 Stafford Road A 1; Lea Hall Club 1 Golden Cue A 4; Old Hall 3 Landywood SC A 2; St Johns SC 3 Pelsall Social A 2; Wednesfield Cons A 4 Ogley Hay 1.
Div 1: Aldridge Cons C 1 Wednesfield Cons B 4; Darlaston Cons 3 Birchills 2; Golden Cue C 1 Bloxwich Memorial B 4; Landywood SC B 3 Amery 2; Q Bar B 2 Essington WMC 3; Stafford Road B 3 Bentley Moor A 2; Athenaeum Club 3 Norton Vic 2; Bentley Moor B 3 Victoria B 2.

Chasetown net the points against Sam

SAPPHETS battled to a 23-18 victory over Whitmore X to retain top spot in the Wolverhampton City Netball League. Chasetown edged out Sam 3 24-22.

Cresta in Division 3 sank Libra Lea Navy 32-12, while in Division 4, Stourbridge Jets Black continue their march to the title with a 29-12 victory over Oddessy.

Division 5 Diamonds put in two sparkling performances, and Sam 5 continue to impress, beating Breezers, 24-17

Results: Division 1: Whitmore X 18 Sapphets 23; Sam 3 22 Chasetown Mix 24; Whitmore Y 20 Crescent 7: Division 2: Sam 4 18 Fusion 22; Ladybirds 10 Phoenix Hornets 23; Dolls 26 Lucas 21: Division 3: Cresta 32 Libra Lea Navy 12; Wordsley Storks 23 Dolls 2 18; Eurostars 24 Jupiter 18:
Division 4: Flames 29 Ice 13; Sedgley Sirens 16 Inspire 12; Stourbridge Jets Black 29 Oddessy 12; Phoenix Scorpions 20 Lunes 15: Division 5: Diamonds 27 Thundercats 4; Diamonds 30 Zimmers 6; Sam 5 24 Breezers 17; Smestow Ladies 7 Whitmore B 34.

Clarke top of the town hall boxing card

UNBEATEN boxer Lennox Clarke tops the bill in a Walsall Town Hall card next month.

Halesowen fighter Clarke, yet to lose in nine bouts, faces a tough task against Harlow's Richard Horton – who has won nine in 14 – in an eight-round clash on February 19.

Also featuring on the undercard of 'Undefeated' are Wednesbury's Sam Evans, Nathan Gorman from Nantwich and Market Harborough's Reuben Arrowsmith.

Also appearing are West Bromwich heavyweight Matt Gorman, highly-rated Zach Parker, of Swadlincote, Old Hill's stylish Manny 'Pac Man' Zaber, Stoke's Kieran McLaren and Birmingham's Luke Heron Walker.

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Signing up to tackle obesity

FOOTBALLERS in Burntwood are being urged to sign up to their local six-a-side league to get fit during 2016.

Leisure Leagues have launched the Man vs Fat initiative, designed to offer football as a means to combat obesity in men.

The scheme is being offered to men with a Body Mass Index (BMI) of 30 or over.

The effects of small-sided football fitness are well known. A study conducted at Copenhagen University showed that such games were more beneficial for competitors than a session in the gym.

And with the season set to start soon, now is the perfect time to join, said a Leisure Leagues spokesman. The leagues, which take place at Burntwood Leisure Centre on Sunday, Monday and Thursday will see players able to work off those post-Christmas pounds as well as being given the chance to compete for a host of top prizes.

Variety

The Danish study, led by Professor Peter Krustrup, found that two groups of men performed equally well on a variety of fitness tests, even though one group had been training in the gym while the other had been doing battle on the five-a-side pitch.

The footballers showed that they had been at 90 per cent of their maximum heart rate for longer than their gym-going counterparts, and had also lowered their blood pressure more significantly.

Anyone who wants more information on the league can ring 0333 123 2340 or visit www.leisureleagues.net

BMI is a measure of body fat based on height and weight that applies to adult men and women.

The result gives an indication of whether you're a healthy weight, and if not, how over or underweight you are.

You can find out your BMI by visiting www.manvfat.com/football

Referees are also wanted in the area and they can also get in touch.

Bradshaw's rescue act for Saddlers at the Ricoh

Coventry City 1 Walsall 1

TOM Bradshaw's goal 10 minutes from time brought Walsall a hard-earned point against promotion rivals Coventry at the Ricoh Arena.

The striker produced a wonderful sidefooted finish to ensure the League One clash finished 1-1 after Chris Stokes had given the Sky Blues a first-half lead.

That goal came from a free-kick which appeared to have been won after Jacob Murphy appeared to dive following a challenge from George Evans.

However, referee Tony Harrington awarded a free-kick wide on the left which former England midfielder Joe Cole took and Stokes headed home.

But Walsall will be delighted with their point, which sees them remain third in League One, but just two points behind leaders Burton Albion.

Before kick-off there was a minute's silence in memory of former Sky Blues chairman Mike McGinnity.

Walsall boss Sean O'Driscoll made a double change on the hour-mark with Jason Demetriou and Anthony Forde coming on for Liam Kinsella and Milan Lalkovic.

He later switched Evans for striker Jordan Cook. And with 10 minutes remaining, the Saddlers pulled level thanks to Bradshaw's 13th goal of the season, meeting Rico Henry's ball into the box to calmly side-foot into the net from 12-yards while under pressure.

For the last five minutes as well as stoppage time, both teams went in search of a winner but each in the end having to settle for a point.

Visitors cling on to win in physical clash

Cannock 12 Wednesbury 18

FIXTURES between these two teams are usually tough, physical games – and this was no exception.

At the corresponding fixture at the beginning of the season Wednesbury lost at home, but this was a different game and a different Wednesbury side, who had won their last two and were looking to make it a hat-trick.

Wednesbury began the game kicking down the slope, but it was Cannock who took an early lead kicking a penalty after only three minutes. Within the space of a couple of minutes Wednesbury were awarded two penalties, both successfully converted by Marcus Taylor in his first game back after a long absence.

Wednesbury used the slope to their advantage with Winger Rhys Nickle using his incredible speed on the wing to punch holes in the Cannock defence, on a couple of occasions being bundled into touch by the Cannock defence before he could cross the try line.

Action at a line-out

From a scrum, Wednesbury got their first try. No 8 Dale Doughty picked up the ball and drove through the Cannock defence and over the line. From the restart Cannock were awarded a penalty which they successfully converted.

Cannock started the second half well using the slope to their advantage. They were awarded two penalties in the first 10 minutes which they successfully converted to give them a slender lead.

This kick-started Wednesbury into action, with Marcus Taylor marshalling his troops bringing his midfield players Lee Allwood and Dan King more into the game forcing Cannock onto the back foot.

Midway through the half Wednesbury's Ben Baker got the ball in the Cannock half and went on a run, evading desperate tackles for Wednesbury's second try, Taylor added the conversion to give the lead back to Wednesbury, which they clung onto.

The Keysi to martial arts first

Keysi fighting method founder Justo Diegues and Instructor Rob Trow of Rugeley

WORLD renowned martial arts instructor Justo Diegues is to instruct at open day and seminar in Rugeley.

With the support of Rugeley Lions and the Police & Crime Commissioner, local Keysi instructor Rob Trow has managed to convince Diegues to attend the event at Rugeley Leisure Centre, Burnthill Lane, from 3-5pm on Saturday, March 26.

It will be a first for the area and a must for all martial artists regardless of styles and abilities.

Diegues is the fight co-ordinator behind blockbuster films including the recent Batman trilogy and Jack Reacher films.

For those intrested in the seminar or weekly Kesyi classes in Rugeley, call 07739093573, email Rob.tcb@sky.com or visit www.Keysicentral.co.uk

The mark of Zyro as new boy poles apart

Wolves 3 Fulham 2

THEY might once have had a 'Pole with no goal' but that cannot be levelled at Michal Zyro who immediately made his mark on the Molineux faithful.

In an impressive home debut, Zyro netted in the sixth minute and added another in the 13th to set Wolves up for a victory that was tenser in the closing stages than it needed to be.

Chances galore went begging, not least from the South Bank's new hero, who could have scored a couple more.

One chance they had no right to take – a 35-yard bullet from the unlikely source of makeshift left-back Matt Doherty, Wolves' goal of the season so far – ultimately proved the difference.

Fulham, who played some very easy-on-the-eye football, nearly ruined the Zyro party, but Wolves were good value for this win, their fourth league victory on the spin.

Before the game began there was a minute's applause to remember Roy Swinbourne and Sir Jack Hayward.

That man Jordan Graham provided the assist for Zyro's opener. Then – seven minutes later the Pole scored again, latching on to a throughball from the back, holding off his man and sidefooting under Andy Lonergan.

On 24 minutes Jazz Richards' pinpoint cross was headed home by Lasse Vigen Christensen.

Three minutes into the second half came what was surely the best goal of Doherty's career and possibly a goal of the season, but Wolves endured a nervy final 15 minutes after Ross McCormack deflected in a shot from 20 yards.

Bees stung by Smith's former side

Brentford 0 Saddlers 1

VICTORIES don't get much sweeter than this – just ask one of the 1,600 Saddlers fans who made the trip to see their side overcome former boss Dean Smith's Brentford.

There was only one team at the races once referee Andy Davies got proceedings under way at Griffin Park.

Determined not to start sluggishly – as they did in defeat to Rochdale – Walsall flew out of the blocks with the plan of boss Sean O'Driscoll to line them up in a midfield diamond working to perfection.

The tenacity, determination and sheer quality of Walsall's play meant when they took the lead in the 35th minute, it was richly deserved. Best of all, they did in front of the rip-roaring away support with a wonder strike from Mantom.

Late defeat a Hammer blow to cup hopes

West Ham 1 Wolves 0

THE last thing you could level at this match was that it exemplified the 'romance' of the FA Cup.

In fact it was about as romantic as dinner for two in a dodgy kebab shop. And magic? Nope, none of that either. Nor a giantkilling.

FA Cup clichés were in short supply for Wolves' last-ever visit to Upton Park.

Goalmouth action was in short supply...entertaining football was non-existent. It was attritional, workmanlike and, for the most part, uneventful.

But that's the way Wolves and Kenny Jackett wanted it – and they very nearly got the result their performance merited – until substitute Andy Carroll changed the game and set up Nikica Jelavic for the Hammers late winner.

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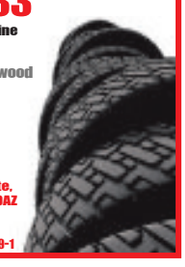

Saddlers on the hunt for fourth scalp

WALSALL will target yet another win over Championship opposition after being handed a trip to either Huddersfield Town or Reading in the FA Cup fourth round.

Saturday's win over former boss Dean Smith's Brentford was the Saddlers' third triumph this term against second-tier opponents, having previously dumped Nottingham Forest and Brighton out of the Capital One Cup.

Sean O'Driscoll's men are enjoying their best run in the competition for a decade and could end up against a familiar face for the second round running, this time in the shape of winger Jamie Paterson.

The 24-year-old, who came through the youth ranks at the Banks's, is currently on a season-long loan at Huddersfield from Forest and was on target in the Terriers 2-2 draw with the Royals on Saturday.

The two sides meet again next week in a replay to decide who will host the Saddlers, with the tie due to take place over the weekend of January 30/31.

Boss O'Driscoll has meanwhile confirmed he will hold a meeting with his players in the near future to assess how they move forward with their promotion push.

The former Forest and Doncaster Rovers boss has had his players in to train on Sundays at previous clubs, with that one of the topics up for discussion.

"It's a difficult one because there are so many tangibles at this club," O'Driscoll said. "I am used to going in on a Sunday but the players haven't done it all year and footballers are quite superstitious.

"I am really wary of upsetting anything. It's a good opportunity after five games to look at what needs to change and what doesn't need to change."

Referee is praised despite decision to call off match

AFC TELFORD UNITED Supporters' Trust chairman Luke Fearnall praised referee Amy Fearn despite admitting the postponement of Tuesday night's clash against Hednesford was a 'huge blow'.

The Bucks' National North relegation clash against local rivals Pitmen was called off for a second time within three weeks after heavy rainfall prior to kick-off.

Fearnall said: "It's a huge blow."

Despite the club calling for supporters to lend a hand in clearing water from the New Bucks Head surface, the game eventually fell foul of the weather at about 6.45pm.

It had originally been called off on January 2 without the presence of an official.

Fearnall claimed the surface on Tuesday night was significantly worse that that of the previous fixture.

"To be fair to Amy she gave the fixture every chance," he said.

"She had a look at it at 6.15pm and said that she'd have another look at 6.45pm and she's done that true to her word. "

Scholars move into a play-off spot

Joy for players – and a fan – as Chasetown score

Chasetown 2 Daventry Town 1

Chasetown FC

CHASETOWN made it 13 points from the last 15 at home as they beat Daventry Town 2-1 to move into an Evo-Stik First Division South play-off spot.

The fact the game was on at all was down to the efforts of a dozen supporters who worked tirelessly from 8am to get the pitch playable.

Chasetown started brightly and in the 20th minute James Dance struck the base of the post.

Two minutes later Jono Gould went on an amazing run into the penalty area and slid the ball to Nick Turton who marked his first league start of the season with a crisp finish. Just after the hour, Chasetown were guilty of a defensive lapse presenting a chance to Mitch Piggon, who made no mistake with a cool finish past Bateman.

But the Scholars bagged the points when substitute Stan Mugisha advanced towards the box and drilled a low shot which zipped along the wet surface beyond Ben Heath.

Chasetown were travelling to Kidsgrove last night (Wednesday) and entertain Stocksbridge Park Steels on Saturday.

DEBUTANTS ON TARGET IN VAIN

Hednesford Town 2 Harrogate 2

HEDNESFORD Town were made to pay after conceding goals at the start of each half – slumping to a 3-2 defeat against promotion-chasing Harrogate Town at Keys Park.

The Pitmen included two debutants in their starting line-up with Jack Fitzwater, signed on a month loan from West Bromwich Albion, and Stephane Ngamvoulou, on a similar deal from Whitehawk. They came into the side for Tyrone Williams, who had returned to Kidderminster Harriers, and the suspended Phil Trainer.

Frank Sinclair's men made the worst possible start as they conceded in the fourth minute. Harrogate's Paul Clayton found himself through on goal and although Hednesford goalkeeper Dan Crane saved his initial shot, the ball rebounded off the striker and into the net.

Four minutes later it was 2-0 as Clayton saw his header saved by Crane but winger Jack Emmett was on hand to fire home at the back post.

Appeals

Hednesford had struggled to find any kind of foothold in the game during the opening quarter of the game although they did have appeals for a penalty turned away after a Paul Ennis cross was stopped by the outstretched arm of Danny Ellis.

The first shot in anger from the home side came after 38 minutes when Kyle Perry laid the ball off to Sean Williams who saw a low driven effort kept out by Peter Crook in the Harrogate goal.

The Pitmen's task of gaining anything from the game was handed a further blow inside the opening 60 seconds of the second period as Clayton got his second of the game with a fine overhead kick on the edge of the six-yard box.

It almost got worse for Hednesford in the 52nd minute as Brendon Daniels picked out former Pitmen player Lloyd Kerry but he was denied by a fine save from Crane.

Harrogate continued to control proceedings as the second half progressed and there looked little way back for the home side. But the Pitmen were able to give themselves hope with 15 minutes remaining through one of their debutants.

Midfielder Stephane Ngamvoulou was able to play a neat one-two with Perry and after progressing into the box he fired home from 12 yards.

A minute later a cross in from the right by Adam Thomas was misjudged by Crook and with the ball bouncing around the six-yard box Hednesford striker Tom Peers was unable to turn the ball home.

The home side did reduce the arrears further in the second of four added minutes when another debutant, Shelton Payne, fired in a low shot from the edge of the box which took a slight deflection before finding the back of the net.

Although there were two minutes remaining the home side couldn't force a memorable finish and it was the visitors who took the three points home with them.

Hednesford strengthened their side this week by signing Oldham Athletic defender Jack Truelove on a one-month loan.

Following Tuesday night's cancellation against Telford, the Pitmen next play North Ferriby at home on Saturday, kick off 3pm, then travel to Stafford Rangers for a Staffs Senior Cup tie next Tuesday.

Hednesford Town: Crane, Fitzwater, Regan (Payne 46), Bailey, Digie, Ngamvoulou, Obeng, Williams, Perry, Ennis (Peers 56), Thomas: Subs not used: Ransome, James, Thorley
Harrogate Town: Crook, Turner, Swain, Cadman (Gascoigne 66), Ellis (Bloomer 70), McGurk, Emmett, Kerry, Clayton, Yates, Daniels: Subs not used: Thewlis, Colbeck, Lassana: Attendance: 375

New on-loan signing Stephane Ngamvoulou scores on his Pitmen debut

Afobe lured by chance to play in Prem

BENIK Afobe says Wolves 'did everything' to try and keep him at the club – but the lure of the Premier League was too great.

The 22-year-old has completed a £10million move to Bournemouth, signing a four-and-a-half year contract.

And the striker took to Twitter to thank Wolves and their fans for their support during his 12 months at Molineux.

In his statement, Afobe said: "I've thought long and hard about the next step in my career.

"I know the Wolves fans will be disappointed but it's been a lifelong ambition of mine to play at the highest level and I believe it was the right time to take this chance.

"Thanks to Wolves for the past 12 months. They did everything to keep me but it was my ultimate decision to leave.

"I've waited a long time to get a shot in the Prem. Now the time has come! I'm looking forward to the new challenge."

It is understood Afobe had a buyout clause in his Wolves contract that could have led to him leaving on the cheap next summer.

The clause would have been activated had Wolves not won promotion to the Premier League this season. The buyout figure is thought to have been considerably lower than what the Cherries paid.

It is also believed that Arsenal received 10 per cent of the £10m fee from a sell-on clause inserted into Afobe's contract when he moved to Molineux last January.

Wolves have signed 18-year-old Swindon winger Will Randall, but names in the frame to replace Afobe include Peterborough hotshot Conor Washington, Hibs striker Jason Cummings, Walsall's Tom Bradshaw and long-time target Nakhi Wells, of Huddersfield.

Boss Frank over his love for Pitmen role

FORMER Chelsea defender Frank Sinclair says he is 'loving life' as boss of Hednesford Town despite their precarious position near the bottom of the National League North.

A 3-2 defeat at promotion-chasing Harrogate on Saturday has dragged the Pitmen back into a relegation scrap but Sinclair said he remained focused on maintaining his new club's safety.

"I'm loving being back involved in the management side of things," he said.

"I'm working under some great people who clearly love the game and everything is in place for me to be successful here."

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